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Temptation Was Too Great

Tokyo, October 18.—The lure of loose women and easy money has proved too great a temptation for seven Tokyo policemen to leave their station and go to a place for vagrants and "females of the night." A big group of policemen is assigned to keep close check on them. A Japanese porter discovered that since July 7, poorly paid policemen have quit the force and associated themselves with the red light girls.—Associated Press.

Three Killed In Airlift Crash

Frankfurt, October 18.—A C-54 Berlin airlift transport crashed today near Frankfurt, killing its three American crewmen.
The four-engine plane was on its way back from Berlin to London and was carrying 100 tons of food and fuel for the blockade-battered German capital. Wreckage was strewn for hundreds of yards when the craft crashed and exploded at Neufussburg.

This brought to 13 the number of Americans who have died ferrying food and supplies to Berlin over the Soviet land blockade. Officers at the busy Rammstein airport had no immediate explanation for the crash. The plane had not reported any trouble to the control tower.—Associated Press.

UNITY WORKING IN EUROPE

New York, October 18.—Mr. Warren C. Austin, chief United States delegate to the United Nations, said today that co-operative efforts for defence are stemming fear in Western Europe.

Mr. Austin spoke by radio Paris to launch the annual United Nations Week.

The slogan for the week is: "We can work it out together." Mr. Austin said: "Unity is proving its worth here in Europe as well as at home. Co-operative efforts for economic recovery are beginning to bring results.—U. P.

Concerted Move To Eradicate Black Market

Shanghai, October 18.

A concerted move to wipe out all black market dealings in Shanghai and Nanking and other cities on the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Ningpo railways was decided at an important meeting of officials of the Economic Control authorities from various localities at Shanghai's Economic Superintendent's Office yesterday.

This was the first meeting to report on the development of the economic investigation and control work conducted under Shanghai's Economic Superintendency Office since the extension of its jurisdiction to cover the two municipalities of Shanghai and Nanking and the three provinces of Kiangsu, Chekiang and Anhwei.

After hearing reports made by visiting officials of other localities, Major General Chiang Ching-kuo ordered that concerted steps be taken to eradicate black market dealings in all vital commodities in all localities under the jurisdiction of the SESO.

Meanwhile, Shanghai's 5,000,000 people are finding it more and more difficult to buy food.

Shanghai, October 18.
A late Ministry of National Defence bulletin tonight said that the recapture of Chinchow, key Manchurian corridor city, which fell to the Communists three days ago, is expected momentarily as Government relief columns are only six miles away.

Scoring one of their most strategically important victories in Manchuria in recent months, Nationalist forces today captured the railway hub of Sinlitun, 70 miles West of Mukden and eighty miles North East of Chinchow, less than 24 hours after launching a two-pronged drive on the city, according to pro-Government press despatches.

By this success, the Nationalists claimed to have cut off the large Communist armies battling in the Manchurian corridor from their main base in Northern Manchuria.

Meanwhile, General Fan Han-chieh is reported to have escaped with his chief aide, General Lu Tsing-chuan from Chinchow to Chinali, 25 miles to the South West, although isolated units of his forces are said to be still holding out in fortified buildings in various parts of the stronghold.

Government reinforcements and war supplies, including tanks, continued to be landed today at the port of Huludao under cover provided by aircraft and warships.

Some pro-Government observers suggested today that the Government is attempting to land sufficient forces quickly for a "showdown" battle with the Communists with the whole of Manchuria as the stake.

Never before, they remarked, had General Lin Biao massed such a large part of his troops in one area.

No Confirmation
A Government military spokesman in Nanking said this morning that he had no news to confirm or deny the Communist radio claim that Communists had captured Chinchow.

First news received from Tsinan since its recent capture by the Communists reports that not only the eight American missionaries there are safe, but that the missionary-owned Chelso University and middle school have not been interfered with by the new

Communist administration in the Shantung capital, the American-owned Shanghai Evening Post said today, quoting the American Presbyterian Mission headquarters in Tsingtau.

The teachers and students of the university, which opened for the fall term on October 4, have been promised all conveniences, including a special four ration, while proclamations have been posted around the city promising the population freedom of religion, assembly and the press.

Strong Influences
Commenting on this apparent new Red policy, the Shanghai Evening Post said that is the most welcome reversal of terrorism which in the rather recent past has been frequently practised by the Reds, against both foreign missionaries and their Chinese converts, although to halt these events as a guarantee of the future policy of Chinese or any other Communists would, of course, be naive in itself.

If the Tsinan report is authentic in all particulars, one may be certain that this attitude is not a matter of accident but dictated by the Communist high command. It has always been apparent that there were strong influences in the Communist high command, which favoured policies of attempted co-operation with foreigners as well as with Chinese private enterprise.

"These may now have asserted themselves with the apparent inauguration of a policy of coming out of the bushes and assuming responsibility for the city, such as Tsinan, and presumably others if they can be captured," the paper added.—Reuter.

Chiang's Report
President Chiang Kai-shek is expected to make a report to the nation soon on decisions taken on his Mukden visit on the future government military programme in Manchuria.

The Generalissimo, in a radio broadcast or in an appearance before the Legislative Yuan, is expected shortly to reveal what general strategy faces the Nationalists as a result of the critical Manchurian situation.—United Press.

LOST AT SEA
Falmouth, October 17.—The 7,240-ton ship Anna Dickinson, registered at Jacksonville, Florida, radioed all ships in the Atlantic tonight asking them to advise the ship's owners, the United States Maritime Commission, that the vessel's radio operator had been lost at sea.

The message was picked up here and conveyed to the authorities.—Reuter.

FO APPOINTMENT
London, October 18.—The Foreign Office announced yesterday that the King has approved the appointment of Stanley Herbert Gidgen, British Consul General, at Sao Paulo, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, where he will succeed R. D. MacRae.—Associated Press.

Long-Lost HK Metal Coins Turn Up In Osaka Ruins
Tokyo, October 18.—A pair of Japanese treasure hunters dug up the ruins of a bomb shelter in Osaka and 1,200 square yards around it on the trail of treasure and finally found it on their third day.

The treasure was 500 tons of nickel and silver coins, valued by the Japanese authorities at approximately 200,000,000 yen.

The money was part of the lost brought from Hong Kong during the war by the Japanese and bought by an iron merchant named Shobo.

Shobo had already registered the property with the authorities but neglected to notify where it was located.—Reuter.

British Actor Praised

New York, October 18.—The New York Times editorial said yesterday that "in bringing 'Hamlet' to the screen as superbly as he has, Sir Laurence Olivier has done a service to Shakespeare that the stage could not."

"He has made him available to millions and in a form that need make no apology either to the playwright or 'The Globe' or to the great stage companies that have presented it through the years."—Associated Press.

French Elections

De Gaulle Ahead Of Communists

Paris, October 18.

General Charles De Gaulle's Rally of the French People took a good lead in Sunday's elections with the Communists second.

Complete results for 26 Municipal Councils nominating delegates who will vote on November 7 for the Council of the Upper House, gave 594 delegates to the Rally of the French people (R.P.F.).

The Communist Party came second with 454 delegates, the Socialists third with 220, the Catholic Popular Republicans (M.R.P.) fourth with 150 and Radical Socialists and various Independents 99.

The elections will designate part of the electorate which will vote on November 7 for the Council of the Republic, France's Advisory Body.

M. Pierre De Gaulle, Mayor of Paris, gave the results for the French capital where the R.P.F., his brother's Party, will have 307 delegates, the Communists 153, the Socialists 25, the M.R.P. 29 and the Independents 5.

In Marseilles, the R.P.F. had 95 delegates while the Communists came close with 90. In Lille, the M.R.P. suffered a heavy blow from the R.P.F. with only three delegates against 27. In Lyons, the Communists trailed behind the Socialists with only 11 delegates against the Socialists 16.

Few Incidents
Few incidents were reported in Paris. However, when M. Pierre De Gaulle wanted to give the results, he found that the official list had disappeared.

Facing M. Ozollas, Communist Municipal Councillor, De Gaulle said: "I believe you had the list. Could you give it back?"

The Communist Councillor admitted he had the list but said he gave it back to "someone." De Gaulle declared the election list only be valid when the list was brought back. It took some time and strongly voiced protests from the majority of the Municipal Council.

In Nice, verbal incidents between R.P.F. and Communist occurred when the results were given.

The elections are not public. They take place in the City Halls or in the "Mairies" (the Mayors' offices) for small places.—Associated Press.

PICTURE OF THE DAY WINSTON AND FRIEND



Winston Churchill snapped with his pet poodle "Rufus" at Euston Station when the Leader of the Opposition was on the way to the Conservative Party Conference at Llandudno, North Wales.

BUNCHE WILL ASK FOR SPECIAL UN MEETING IF ISRAEL REFUSES TO ACCEPT THREE-DAY TRUCE

Paris, October 18.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, interim UN mediator for Palestine, said today he would ask the United Nations Security Council to hold a special meeting on the Holy Land fighting tomorrow if Israel refuses to accept a three-day truce.

Dr. Bunche made his request for the three-day cease fire on Sunday to Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok who is at the UN meeting in Paris. Israeli officials said last night the mediator's request is under consideration.

Dr. Bunche said he had talked with Warren Austin of the United States, President of the Security Council, for October. "He said he would call a meeting if I gave him the signal that it was urgent and necessary," the mediator said. The Council is to meet on the Berlin crisis today but Bunche said it could take up the Palestine fighting in the morning, if necessary.

The mediator said Egypt had accepted his cease-fire order. Israel rejected the original cease-fire order by the chief of the U.N. observers in Palestine. Later Bunche made his proposal for a three-day peace to Shertok.

"We are still waiting to hear from Israel," Bunche said. "If a satisfactory reply does not come today, then we will go straight to the Security Council. He declined to say what action he would ask the Council to take."

It now has before it a joint British-Chinese draft resolution to have both Arabs and Jews co-operate more fully with U.N. truce supervision personnel.

Fighting Flares

Fighting in the Negev desert area of southern Palestine between Jews and Egyptians flared up on Friday.

The Jews said Egyptians had attacked a supply convoy attempting to reach Jewish settlement in the Negev. Jews have been reported in heavy attacks in the area of the main Egyptian base at Gaza.

Israeli spokesmen said the Jewish attacks were aimed at securing a supply route to Negev settlements.

Jews said they had rejected the truce order from U.N. truce supervisors because it called for withdrawal from positions they had gained since Friday.

Israeli spokesmen in Paris said last night Bunche's truce order did not call for withdrawals, leaving all such details to be worked out.

Unions Demand A Purge Of Reds

Manchester, October 17.

Several thousand trade unionists at an open air meeting here today voted overwhelmingly a resolution urging the government and the Trades Union Congress "to take all necessary steps to remove Communist control from the Trade Union movement."

The meeting was the latest move in a dispute between 38-year-old Chris Blackwell, former chief shop steward, at the Metropolitan Vickers factory here, and the local leaders of the Electrical Trades Union, in which the key positions of President and General Secretary are held by Communists.

The Union has withdrawn its credentials from Mr. Blackwell as chief shop steward. He alleges that this was due to "Communist manoeuvres."

This resolution was the first public demand from any considerable section of the labour rank and file for official action against Communist union officials whose recent activities have caused a heated quarrel in the movement.

Growing pressure for a showdown with the Communists has caused Mr. Harry Pollitt, General Secretary of the British Communist Party, to charge that the present campaign was "part of a movement being prepared to reduce the standards of living of the whole working class."

To Appeal

Mr. Pollitt said at a meeting at Darlington that "the enemies of the working class know that the Communist Party will fight to their limit against such a policy. That is why we are being attacked."

Mr. Blackwell, who asserted that he was discharged because he had refused to follow the disruptive policy of the Communist Party, will appeal to the Executive Committee of the Union for reinstatement.

Land Should Be Nationalised

Lancaster, October 18.

The demand that nationalisation of land be included in the Labour Party's programme for the next general election in 1950 was voiced by the local branch of the Agricultural Workers' Union at a meeting here.

The meeting also urged that farm workers should get the same extra food rations as miners and that workers engaged in threshing and artificial manuring should be given more soap.—Reuter.

Canton Will Now Have "Consultative Prices"

Canton, October 18.

A meeting of the Canton City Chamber of Commerce agreed that controlled prices, unworkable owing to the losses entailed, should be replaced by "consultative prices."

The meeting was hurriedly called following the virtual standstill of the wholesale market and retailers holding on tightly to their goods.

Adverse price fluctuations were the main subject of discussion and it was agreed that the capital, flowing in from the North, was the chief cause of soaring prices.

The meeting warned that unless the authorities consulted trade and labour organisations on controlled prices and arrive at realistic levels, there would be a continued shortage of goods on the local market.

Meanwhile, many stores in the city have closed their doors, while others, to escape possible punishment for not adhering to controlled prices, are conducting business on a self-imposed rationing system, by which customers are restricted to the purchase of small quantities. Even essential goods, such as rice, oil, sugar, are still difficult to obtain.

Foreign Goods

The cost of rice has risen 300 per cent since the August 19 price of 4,200 for a peul of 11 lbs.

There is no control on prices of foreign goods, and these, on the average, have risen about 200 per cent. A packet of Chesterfield cigarettes, for example, now costs 4,200, against 70 cents (Gold Yuan) at the beginning of October.

In an editorial on the present price situation in Canton, the

The Weather

At 0400 hours GMT (8 p.m. HKST), the typhoon was centred mid way between Hong Kong and Balen, moving West at five to ten knots. From it a trough extends SW to Malaya and E to the Marianas.

Pressure remains high from Japan to NW China.

Forecast: Fresh or NW winds, strong at times. Cloudy with rain at first. Improving.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 74.7 deg. F. Minimum: 65.4 deg. F. Wind Force: 11 knots. Rainfall: 11.00 mm.—0.45 in. Total since Jan. 1—2418.1 mm.—95.98 in. as against an average of 2024.0 mm.—79.77 in.

Readings at: 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Baro. at m.s.l.: 1017.4 1014.8 m.h. Temp. at m.s.l.: 80.04 80.97 in. deg. F. Rel. Humidity: 76 87 % Dew Point: 68 68 deg. F. Wind direction: NNE NNE Wind Force: 8 14 knots. Tide: Time 11L. High: 11.00 0.3 Low: 22.41 1.3

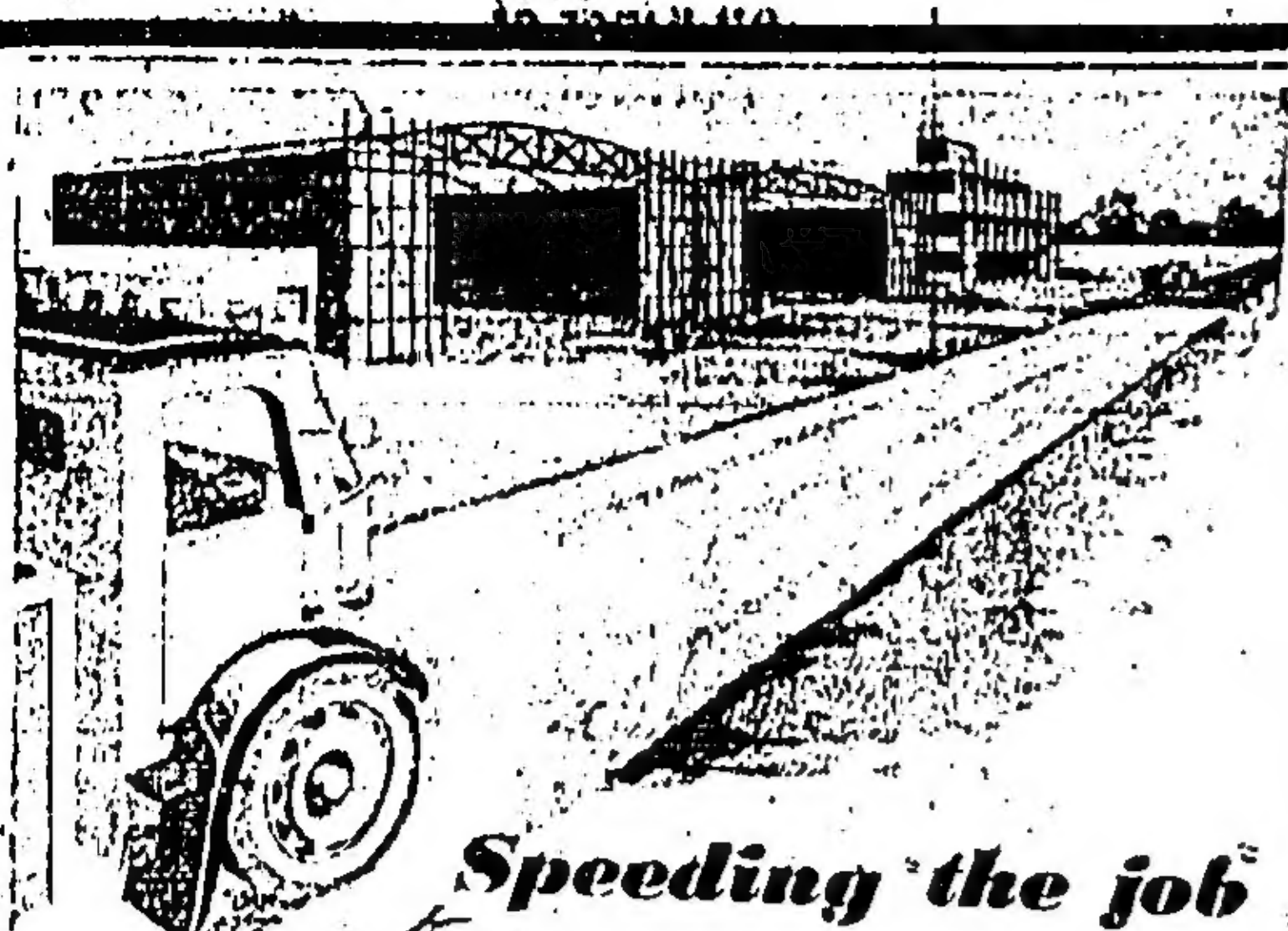
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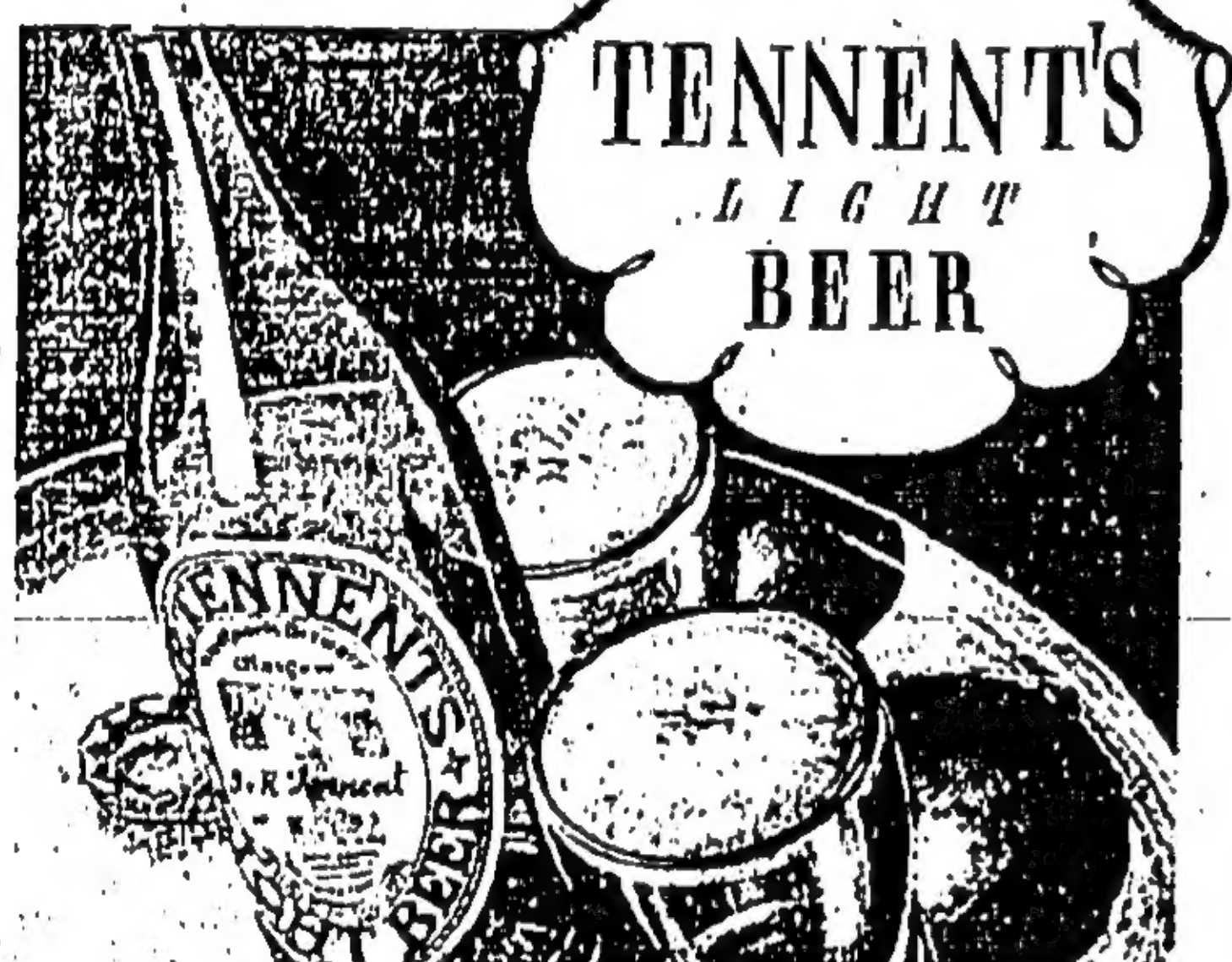
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Police Control System Reaches Far And Wide

The skill by which the Traffic Department controls its cars, launches and outlying stations was demonstrated to members of the Press by Superintendent G. D. Binstead at Central yesterday.

The radio control room, located on the top floor of the Police Station (old building) was shown for the first time since its recent inauguration. The radio control system itself has been in force for the past 19 months.

This room, the nerve centre of the whole police force, has under its control four cars in Hong Kong, four in Kowloon and the mainland, six harbour launches, four large cruising launches and all the police stations in Hong Kong and the entire Peninsula.

It is possible in this control room to have direct radio communication with every station in the new Territories. A demonstration carried out by members of the police force detailed for this duty proved most satisfactory.

All the sets are run on batteries and are not dependent on current supplies. Atmospheric conditions have little effect on these sets.

Maps are laid out in the Control Room where the position of cars was illustrated by toy cars, shifted as their positions are reported from time to time.

Three Sets

Three such sets are situated in the colony, one at the Control Room, one at the Victoria Peak and the other at Lyndrum Barracks.

The sets are constructed by the Police Department and are identical to the sets used by the R.A.F. Army and Navy police, and all work in conjunction with one another.

There is a signal board in the Control Room giving the number of the cars and launches that are in patrol as well as the cars of the Services.

In charge of the Radio Control Room is Inspector Karpovitch who has a wide knowledge of radio work.

Nineteen months ago, Mr. Binstead consulted Lieutenant Commander Gould and from his instructions and guidance, the present system of radio communication between cars, launches and outlying stations was effected.

First Tests

Tests were first made in jeep cars in the New Territories and quite a considerable time was spent to make the system the success it is today.

The sets installed in cars, launches and stations are of a different type and much smaller and were originally loaned by the Naval Commodore.

Mr. Binstead is of the opinion that the present system of radio control is by far the best in the Far East and can be favourably compared with those of Scotland Yard.

It is hoped, said Mr. Binstead, to have the latest equipment from England, which will be ordered as soon as government approval is received.

Direct Link

Installed in this Control Room at Central is an amplifier and remote control and this has a direct link between the police control room and the Army control.

This amplifier consists of a main and sub transmitter through which messages are received and despatched.

With this system in force, it is possible to transport a contingent of some 200 men to any part of the New Territories by police transport lorries, should the occasion arise.

Charts of all types are laid out on large tables in the Control Room and these all help to direct operations, giving the most accurate positions of cars and launches and also places where riots, robberies and fires are taking place.

Revolving plates placed in a most convenient position for the operator to lay hands on are installed, and these give the position of all the streets in the colony and the mainland.

Crown Land Sells Well At Auction

Brisk bidding at a Crown Land auction yesterday brought the Government HK\$240,000 for two lots of land totalling 37,250 square-feet. Both lots were sold at more than 100 per cent above the upset prices.

There were four bidders for the first lot—New Kowloon Island Lot No. 3528 at Kiu Kiang Street, Cheungshawan. The upset price for the 31,250-

Naval Men Imprisoned For Assault

Ronald Bertram Cairnes and Edward Stewart Walker, both aged 19, stoker mechanics of HMS Black Swan, were each sentenced to 18 months' hard labour by Mr. Justice Gould (Puisne Judge) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, for assaulting and robbing a taxi-driver in Repulse Bay Road.

Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Hooton, stated that on July last the two defendants hijacked a taxi at the China Fleet Club, and instructed the driver to go to go to Repulse Bay. When they were near Deep Water Bay, defendants told the driver to return to town.

As the taxi stopped, one of the accused got out, while the other hit the complainant on the head with a coin, rendering him unconscious.

When complainant awoke, his wrist watch was gone in addition to HK\$35.

The matter was reported to the police, who on information, went over to the Queen Mary Hospital where second accused Walker was detained. It was then learned that Walker had attempted to take his own life by slitting his wrist with a scalpel.

The police managed to get a statement from him with regard to the robbery. After some time when his wound was healed and after undergoing a medical examination Walker was pronounced mentally sound, and discharged from the hospital.

First accused, Cairnes, was eventually arrested at the hospital when he came to visit his friend.

'Dead' Money Revives Mills

The inflated Chinese dollars taken out of circulation since the currency reform on August 19, may be used to keep paper mills in Shanghai running.

These mills have been grinding to a halt in the past two weeks due to shortage of their chief raw material—rag and waste paper.

Dealers in waste are refusing to sell at the present low Government-stipulated prices. The Ta Kung Pao estimated, 50,000 tons of the old inflated paper dollars turned in in the past two months, will be sufficient to run Shanghai's mills for six months.—Associated Press.

Arms Charge Brings Hard Labour

Six months' hard labour was passed on Chan Ah-fong, for possession of two revolvers by Mr. Justice Gould yesterday, after a plea of mitigation made by his counsel, Mr. R. A. Bernacchi.

Chan admitted the arm possession charge but denied taking part in a robbery with two or more, or being an accessory before the fact.

Mr. Bernacchi said the two revolvers were old weapons left over by the Japanese. One was useless, and the other was probably also unserviceable.

The revolvers were hidden on a hillside, and at first he refused to give them up. It was only after the hide-out had been discovered and another man had taken them that he gave them up.

He was not unemployed as originally stated on the charge-sheet, as he was actually working at the Hoy Hong Firm, Tai Po.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, accepted Cairnes' statement, and told the Court there was no previous conviction.

Passing sentence Mr. Justice Gould said though the weapons were unserviceable, they could still be used for intimidation, and the fact that they were hidden on a hillside showed that Cairnes was aware that their possession was unlawful. He was, however, satisfied that he had no criminal intention.

Chan was discharged on the robbery charge.

Jointly charged with Chan were three others, Chan Shui-ping, Tsang Shing and Wan Kau. They were alleged to have entered a village church hall at Cheung Mui Tau Village, 10 miles from Sai Kung, on July 15, broke up the meeting, and took a returned Jamaican Chinese, Lin Shek-yun, back to his home and there robbed him of HK\$4,500.

All three accused denied the charge and were remanded in police custody.

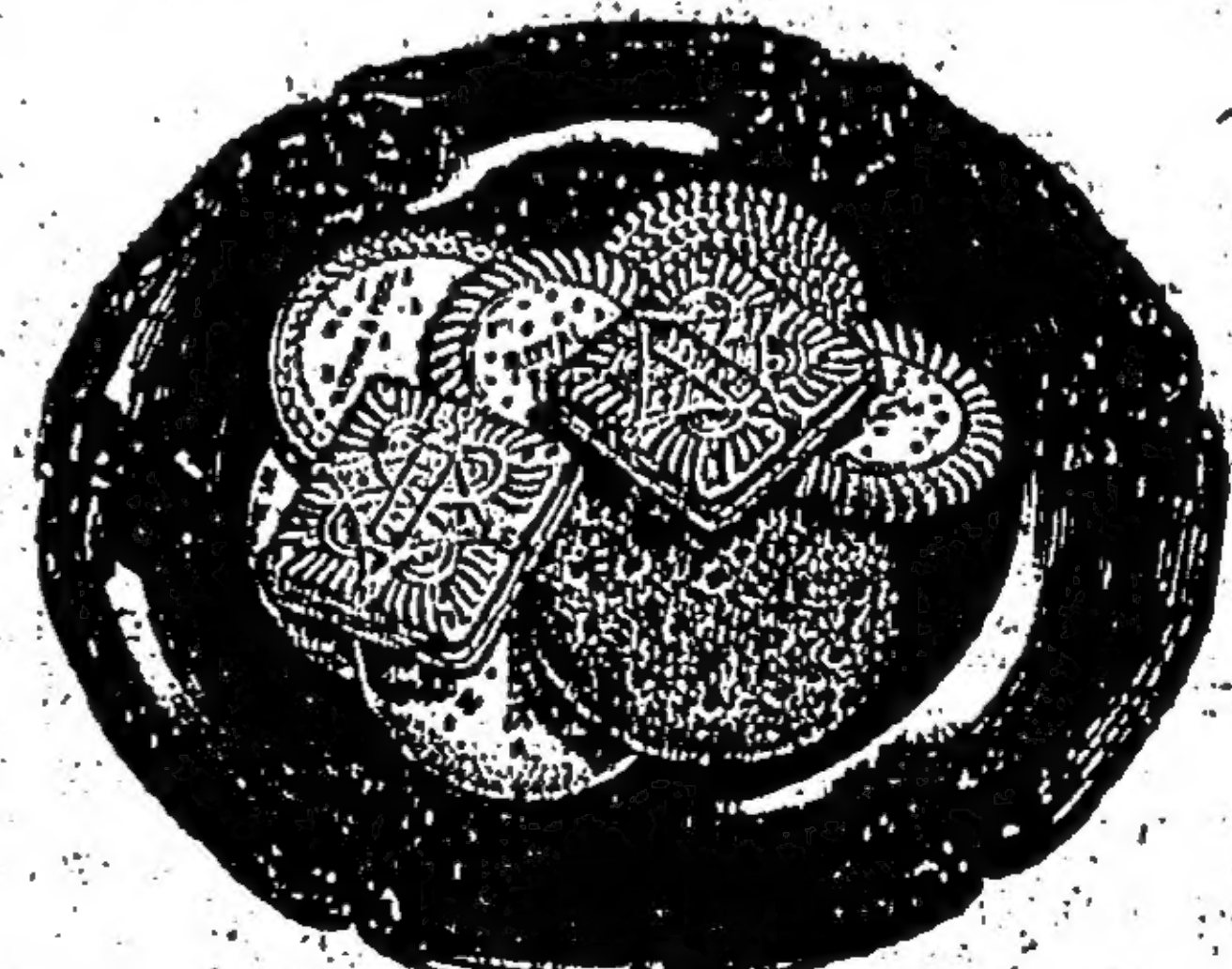
PRISON AND CANE FOR LARCENY

Ma Chun-kam, aged 25, was sentenced to seven years' hard labour and six strokes of the cane by Mr. Justice Gould (Additional Judge) yesterday for larceny of HK\$4000 from a coolie foreman at the Kowloon Godown.

Ma claimed that some other, who apparently stole the money from the foreman, gave it to him in a package. He did not know that it belonged to the foreman.

His claim was not accepted by the Court. In passing sentence, Mr. Gould stated that the offence was a serious one.

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FORGERY WAS EASY BUT TURNED COSTLY

Ng Tso, 40-year-old clerk of the South East Asia Co. with offices at the Peninsula Hotel, found it more expedient to scribble a name on the Export Licence than to look for a revenue officer to sign it, whenever he was in a hurry to get goods off by a plane.

His very good imitation of Revenue Officer Eddie Fu's signature passed muster two or three times and would not have been detected were it not for the suspicions of a clerk, employed by the Cathay Pacific Airways Co., on September 9 who found that one of the four packets of towels handed in was very much heavier than the others.

He notified HO Fu who, on being shown the Licence and Declaration, said that he knew nothing about the shipment and never signed the form. The police were notified and, on the following morning, the parcels were opened in the presence of the owners.

Instead of containing 2,240 towels, as declared, the parcels were found to contain only 1,130 towels, and 840 fountain pens, 4,630 zip-fasteners 575 Vicks inhalers, and a radio.

Ng was questioned and he admitted having forged the signature of HO Fu. He further admitted having scribbled the signature of that revenue officer on two previous occasions, although the police have reason to believe that the other Liegeen and Declaration forms were signed by him.

This was related to Mr. W. H. Lamer at Kowloon yesterday when Ng was charged with forging and uttering the Licence and Declaration in September.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland, R.S., pleading guilty on behalf of accused, said, in mitigation, that defendant had been in the firm's employ for nearly three years and was given an excellent reference by his employers.

No Difficulty
Defence counsel said that it was not a question of a plan to deprive Government of revenue or to smuggle goods out as, as was pointed out by Detective Sub-inspector W. H. Summers, for the prosecution, that the goods found were not among the category of prohibited exports, and that there would be no difficulty in obtaining a licence.

It was, he said, a case of where a man, finding it easy on one occasion to get a shipment through by scribbling a name on the form, did it the second and third time.

As defendant had been in custody for five weeks, pleaded Mr. Rues, he would ask for the imposition of a fine. Accused was fined the maximum of \$250.

Chau Hak-hui, 30-year-old manager of the Cheung Cheung Co., of 36 Buchanan Street, and his 32-year-old clerk, Lam Yuen-wei, were fined \$100 each when Mr. Maurens da Silva pleaded guilty on their behalf to the charges of attempting to export unmanifested cargo, and attempting to export the fountain pens, zip-fasteners, Vicks inhalers and radio found in one of the packets.

Mr. da Silva pleaded that defendants were guilty of negligence in that they left too much to the South East Asia Co., their transportation agents, when they made shipments. The parcel containing

20 Bandits Die In Clash

More than 20 bandits were wounded and killed in a clash with the Chinese Peace Preservation Corps on Sunday morning near the Kowloon border.

Reports from the frontier said that about 100 bandits attacked the Peace Preservation Corps' outpost at Ping Wu railway station, above Shamshu.

The attackers withdrew after a two-hour exchange of fire, leaving more than 20 wounded and dead behind. The Corps suffered seven wounded.

ALLEGED ARMS POSSESSION

Three days remand was granted by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday when Chan King, aged 20 and Lo Kwan, aged 23, both unemployed, were charged with possession of two revolvers and 13 rounds of ammunition.

Inspector Shaw is in charge of the case.

Reminders

Today

H.K. Rotary Club luncheon talk on "The Price of Peace" by Rev. A. P. Ross, Rof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m.

Tennis Tournament, Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles, 5.15 p.m.
Colony Quarter-Finals, Lawn Bowls, KBGC, and CCC, 5 p.m.

Coming Events
TOMORROW
Toc H Club meeting, Taihot House, 10, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Russian Orthodox Church Ladies Association, annual general meeting Church premises, Essex Crescent, Kowloon Tong, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY
Opening of Violet Peel Polytechnic, Wanchai.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Ladies Night, Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong at Cosmo Club, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY
Hong Kong Chamber Music Club, Concert at Government House, 9.30 p.m.

Who Has Control Over Foreign Ships In Port?

The question as to whether the local government has jurisdiction over ships in the harbour belonging to a foreign country was disputed in an attempted gold export case heard before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Defendants were Wong Siu-yan, aged 20 and Chan Heung-sung, aged 33, both married women.

Both defendants were charged with attempting to export gold without a permit.

First defendant had in her possession besides what the Revenue Department considered as jewellery, not one tael of gold in nugget form.

Second defendant had also besides ordinary jewellery two large bangles weighing about five taels, which the Revenue Department did not consider as jewellery.

First defendant pleaded ignorance of the law, but second defendant, through her solicitor Mr. P. C. Woo entered a plea of not guilty.

Foreign Flag
Mr. Woo submitted that any ship flying a foreign flag in the harbour of Hong Kong does not come under the jurisdiction of the laws of this colony.

Secondly, he said that gold in transit cannot be considered as attempted export and challenged the prosecution to prove the charge of "attempted to export."

Lastly, he said that the bangles in question have the appearance of jewellery.

Mr. Redman who prosecuted said that any ship within the water of the colony must be subjected to the rules and regulations prevailing in the port.

Could Not Agree
The magistrate said he could not agree with the submissions made by Mr. Woo, but owing to the quantity being small, and the prosecution not objecting to a fine imposed, he fined first defendant \$50 and second defendant \$250.

The gold was ordered to be returned after the fines had been paid.

Mr. Redman requested the magistrate to remind the defendants that if the gold was again found on them when they board a ship for Swatow, it will be seized and confiscated under the provisions of the Gold Export Ordinance.

Mr. Lo warned defendants to dispose of their gold before boarding a ship for their destination.

MOLTEN METAL BURNS WORKER

The San-shui, aged 30, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital in a critical condition about 5.15 p.m. yesterday as the result of being splashed with molten metal while working in the Hung Hing Lung Foundry, at Kowloon Street, Tsimshui.

His injuries included extensive burns on the face, hand, upper part of the body.

ROGUES FALL OUT OVER "SHARE-OUT"

Hospital Fund Collection

The Tung Wah Hospital Fund Day resulted in HK\$39,018.21 being collected last Saturday.

The total amount contributed to the Hospital's annual appeal for funds by the general public stood at HK\$496,500 last night.

Personalities

The forthcoming wedding of Miss Jose Augusta Marques, clerk, Hong Kong, and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Miss Wong Kien-yue, 21 China Road, 2nd floor, was announced at the Registry yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shao-wen Liang have left for Rangoon by the Hui Lee. On the same vessel the Messrs. Choy Wai-ming, James Geddes, and Zoe Ting-rung bound for Singapore.

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Mr. and Mrs. B. McLaughlin, Mr. M. M. Albert-Heyes, Mrs. L. V. Quogue, Messrs. M. Sanderson, W. T. Goodwin, M. Sanchez, L. Lipke, J. C. Manning, S. E. Komerick, E. Russell, L. J. Zylinski, J. W. Wright, M. Isang, C. H. Veyant, G. Roy, W. O'Connor, Mrs. B. M. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Goodhand, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Condon, Messrs. E. L. Matthews, D. G. Dalton, Simeon Baldwin, D. Thaval, W. Kirkwood, F. Lachmann, J. W. C. Tanguar, W. E. Rogers, A. Brown, and E. Revolle.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel during the week-end included Mrs. M. A. Condon, Mrs. Cynthia P. Phair, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Nightingale, Mr. D. A. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. N. Spence, Messrs. M. S. Polin, T. A. Nijar, J. C. Dan, Max Pressner, J. W. Hawking, L. F. Smith, T. D. Nettleton, J. N. Dantes, C. A. S. Helseth, L. de Leon, W. A. Ghent, S. Fraser, A. Amers, John G. Andrews, H. H. Evans, E. Sora Howe, and A. Brown.

Mrs. A. R. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mallesher, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thompson, Messrs. W. S. Tanguar, B. Kulik and L. Heisberg left for Sydney by CPA on Saturday.

Miss E. Brochol, Mrs. Doug, Mrs. Kounin and Messrs. Ruyters and Lopez Loreta left for Indochina yesterday by Air France.

Among the passengers who arrived here on Sunday from Saigon by Air France were Messrs. Peter Moore and Dantes John. Arrivals by the same plane from Hanoi and Haiphong included Mrs. Farniere, and Messrs. Sino Yu and Ye Pang.

Departures on Sunday to Saigon by Air France included Messrs. Patterson, M. Busk, E. Revolle, and Ngo Van.

163 BABIES A DAY IN COLONY

One hundred and sixty-three babies a day were registered in the Colony during the week ended October 9. The total for the week was 1,141. Deaths in the same period were 22.

Official statistics showed that in the period under review there were 33 deaths from tuberculosis and three each from diphtheria and enteric fever.

LADIES NIGHT BY Y'S MEN'S CLUB

The Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong will have a Ladies Night Dinner at the Cosmos Club on Thursday at 7.30 p.m. The programme includes games and members of the Club have been invited to bring their families and friends.

Describing it as one of those cases where rogues fall out, Divisional Detective Inspector J. R. Sykes told Mr. W. H. Latimer to take a serious view of the case where Lau Man-kwai, aged 34, was convicted of making a false report to the police.

DDI Sykes told the court at Kowloon yesterday the story of a local organisation which specialised in recruiting "lan tsais" (bad characters) and Chinese ex-soldiers as substitutes for sons of rich men in China who were conscripted for the Chinese army.

The prosecuting officer said that every family in China is compelled by law to have a son. If any, enlisted in the army, the well-to-do families are prepared to pay a certain price to persons prepared to join up in their sons' stead, using the names of the conscripted persons.

Referring to the case before the court, DDI Sykes said that defendant reported to the Tsimshatsui Police Station, Land Division, on the night of October 10 that he had been assaulted by two men in a lane off the Tin Hau Temple, near the Yumau Market, and robbed of \$41, a suit of clothes and a pair of shoes.

A general message was circulated in all stations, and detectives, including Detective Sub-Inspector G. E. Baker and Detective Corporal Lai Kwong, were sent out to look for the assailants. After several hours wasted in a wild goose chase, defendant admitted that his report was a false one.

Sub-Inspector Jack testified to having received the report from defendant and to having sent him to the Kowloon Hospital for examination when he complained of having been struck on the chest. The doctor's certificate stated that bruises were found on defendant's chest.

Look For Clansman

Detective Corporal Lai Kwong said that accused brought DSI Baker and himself to a lane at the back of the Tin Hau Temple, then to a lane behind the Yumau Government School, and finally stated that he wanted to go to Ngau Chi Wan to look for a clansman to testify to his having worn a suit of clothes.

On the way to Ngau Chi Wan, and when near the Kowloon Hospital, defendant told him that there was no need to go any further as the story he told the police was entirely false.

Brought back to Yumau Police station, said witness added made a statement to him, in the course of which he said that he left Salkung for Hong Kong on October 12 to look for work. He went to Cheung Hung's place at Des Voeux Road, West, and stayed there for two days.

There, he was told of the plan to enlist men as substitutes for conscripts in the Chinese army. He worked with a man called Kwai Sau on the scheme and succeeded in introducing two ex-soldiers, who have been dispersed by the Communists at Shantou, to Cheung Hung. They were paid \$20 for each man.

Disbanded Soldiers

About a week ago, continued the statement, they found two disbanded soldiers and introduced them to another recruiting agent, Sang Kai-yick. Kwai Sau, who brought them there for transport to Kowloon, was paid \$80 commission but did not share it with accused who was back in Salkung at the time.

On October 11, Kwai Sau and accused found two more disbanded soldiers near the Blue Taxi Co. at Nathan Road, and defendant brought them to Cheung Hung's place and received \$80 commission. He did not share this with Kwai Sau.

At 7 p.m. that evening, continued the statement, Kwai Sau and another man accosted accused at Temple Street and asked him to share out the money. They brought him to a lane near the Tin Hau Temple, and asked him to pay up \$45 and the suit of clothes he was wearing.

Lanikai II To Return

Bad weather outside Hong Kong has forced the luxury yacht, Lanikai II, to return to Hong Kong.

The yacht, cleared for Yokohama on Sunday morning, sailed as far as Wogan Island when she ran into rough weather. She returned to Hong Kong in the afternoon and will make another attempt today.

Several ocean-going vessels also reported bad weather outside the Colony. The ss. Bangala, arriving from Amoy reported rough weather. The ss. Hanyang arriving from Foochow encountered North East gales and rough seas. Similar reports were brought in by the ss. Baruchuan and the ss. Kwai-van.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

Food and fuel costs for the week ended on October 10 follow:-

Rice & Flour	7.2 cwt. HK\$44.800
Vegetables	1.440 "
Bait Cabbage	2 "
Oil	1.370 "
Tea	9.000 "
Salt Fish	2 "
Pork	2.700 "
Flour	10.0 "
Bean Curd, 14 pieces	2.000 "
Total	HK\$112.050

DAUGHTER FOR VERONICA LAKE

Hollywood, October 17. Veronica Lake, the film actress, gave birth to a 6 lb 4 oz. daughter last night.

A hospital official said both were doing well.—Reuter.

Japanese Brought To HK For Trial

As a result of strong public opinion, Lieutenant-General Kishimoto Eichi and Sergeant Yoshida Bunzo of the former Japanese Army, were brought back to Hong Kong from Japan yesterday for trial in the Colony.

On Monday, the two Japanese will face a British War Crimes Court at Lyemun Barracks to answer charges in connection with the ill-treatment and torture of civilian prisoners in Shanghai's infamous wartime Bridge House Gaol.

Seven witnesses to testify to the atrocities committed in the Bridge House Gaol are due to arrive here today by HMS Sussex, under the command of Captain F. W. Farquhar, from Shanghai.

The two Japanese were brought to Hong Kong by the ss. Kutang. They were taken under military escort to Stanley Gaol yesterday morning. Their defence counsel and interpreters arrived here by the same vessel.

General Meeting Of China Underwriters

The annual general meeting of shareholders of the China Underwriters, Limited, will be held on October 27 at No. 4A, Des Voeux Road, Central.

The report of the Board, of Directors, circulated to shareholders yesterday, said that records of business done before the Pacific War are still incomplete.

It added that a transfer of HK\$30,000 has been made from Marine Account to Profit and Loss, and from the latter transfers have been made of HK\$100,000 to Life Account and HK\$40,000 to Accident Account. It serves have been carried forward of HK\$55,209 in the Fire Insurance Fund, HK\$28,842 in the Accident Insurance Fund and HK\$138,293 in the Marine Insurance Fund to provide for unexpired risks.

The General Reserve Fund remains at HK\$100,000. Investment and Exchange Reserve is HK\$67,291 and the balance of Profit and Loss account, after making the transfers, is carried forward at HK\$5,714.

Life Assurance applications received during the year amounted to HK\$16,075,488. Life Policies were issued for HK\$14,501,483 at Annual Premiums of HK\$704,252. Applications for HK\$1,158,384 were declined and the remainder were postponed or in the course of consideration at the end of the year. The Life Premium Income for the year (excluding back premiums paid for revival of policies which lapsed as a result of the war), after deduction of re-assurances, amounted to HK\$899,365 and the Life Assurance Fund stood at HK\$598,874 said the report.

The Company's reconstructed Register of Members was substituted for the original lost during the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong. There are still 1,800 shares the holders of which have not established title to be registered, added the report.

Since the last meeting, said the report, Mr. H. J. Armstrong retired from the Board and at the end of June, 1945, Mr. H. R. Sturt resigned from the Board and from the Managing Directorship of the Company. Mr. E. R. Childs took Mr. Sturt's place on the Board and was appointed Managing Director from the date of Mr. Sturt's retirement. His appointment as Director requires the formal confirmation of the Shareholders.

CORRESPONDENCE

School For Deaf

Sir,—Your readers will be aware that the School for the Deaf at Diamond Hill is nearly completed. An account of the stone-laying by Sir Man-kam Lo on September 11 was fully given in your columns. May we ask you to give space to this letter so that we may give publicity to the fact that the money for this project has not yet been entirely raised. We hope that the School will be opened early next month but unless some kind friends will give us their support we fear that it will open with a debt which may have to be carried for some years.

The public has already contributed \$10,000 and the Education Department has promised a further \$60,000. One gentleman has promised to give \$2,000 if 29 other people will do the same. Will 29 people rise to this challenge and so have a share in helping a class of defective children that comparatively few people are willing to help? We appeal especially to people who enjoy the wireless, who enjoy music or even to people who enjoy conversation, to help those who are deprived of all these pleasures.

Cheques will be gratefully received by any of the undersigned and should be made payable to the Hong Kong School for the Deaf Building Fund and should be crossed. If a group of people could contribute one share of \$2,000 we should be equally grateful and the challenger would count them as one of the 29. Please respond before the end of October.

Yours etc.,
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T. N. Chau,
Kenneth H. Digby,
E. S. Atkins,
A. W. Hurrell,
G. Goodban,
E. W. L. Martin,
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B. M. Bicheno,
D. M. S. Shilton,
R. C. E. Swain,
B. M. Pope,
L. W. Li.

King Willow Back

Sir,—After a lapse of eight years, I do not think we played very much in Hong Kong in 1941. King Willow has come into its own again. The season proper commences next Saturday with a full programme of league matches, and one recalls the good old days when interest in local cricket was kept very much alive, especially for those who, because of anno domini, could no longer take an active part in the game, by scribes like "R. Abbit," "Arm Chair Critic," "Two Legs" and one or two others. Their weekly columns were always most instructive and keenly looked forward to.

Perhaps some old-timer—there must be quite a few still here who are also very able commentators, I am sure—would care to give followers of the game a weekly column of Notes in the same way as the above-mentioned scribes of yesterday.

"HOW'S THAT?"

FUNERAL OF MR. SIMON XAVIER

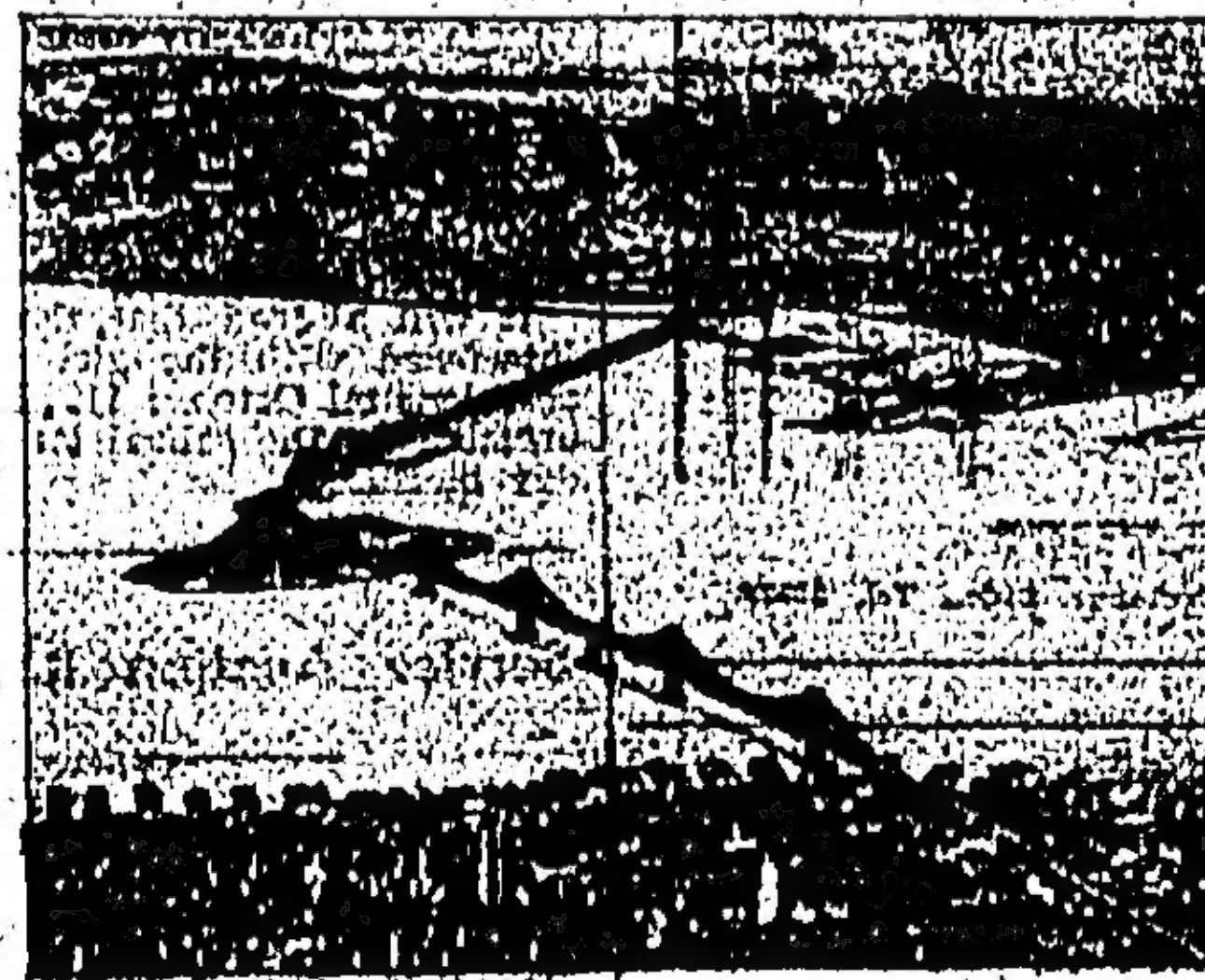
The funeral of Mr. Simon Xavier, who died after a short illness at the French Hospital took place at the Catholic cemetery yesterday.

The Rev. Father Ramacciotti officiated at the chapel and at the graveside.

The chief mourners were the widow, a son, mother and father, two sisters and two brothers.

Those present included: Mr. R. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Castro, Mr. A. S. Crestejo, Miss C. Xavier, Mr. J. L. Souza, Mr. C. M. Franco, Mr. J. M. da Rosa, Mr. F. de Roza, Mr. A. X. Bicheno, Mr. and Mrs. E. Abbot, Captain W. D. Doust, Mr. W. H. Holms, Mr. Philo Remedios, Mrs. B. Pocha, Mr. and Mrs. Chang, Miss T. Roza and Miss T. Rocha.

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The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the October 19, 1946, to the October 27, 1946, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. R. CHILDE,

Managing Director.

Hong Kong, October 18, 1946.

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Says Former Fiance Threatened To Kill Her

Calm and soft-spoken, Tsing Pui-ming testified against her former fiance before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday at committal proceedings continued against Chan Hin-wan, who was charged with wounding, attempted murder and housebreaking.

She said that accused had threatened to kill her if he saw her in association with another man.

Three days after she moved to her present address in 322 Ma Tau Wei Road, she met accused in the street, who demanded to know where she was living. When she refused to tell him, he asked for the return of the engagement money. Not satisfied with her promise to return the sum at some later date, he followed her to her house, where she gave him back some articles of clothing and cooking utensils.

Would Liko Money

On August 6 at about 8 p.m. he came to her house and said that he did not want the money any more. Two days later he appeared again and said that he would like to have the money back after all. Her mother, who was then present, went out and returned with HK\$150 with which she paid accused. Chan then wrote out a receipt of payment in which he stated that both parties were willing to sever their engagement in marriage.

As she was going to work on the morning of August 17, accused drove up in a public vehicle and stepped in front of the Lian-nam Metal Works. He walked with her a few paces and told her he would give her back the HK\$150 if she would go with him to the local press to put in an announcement to the effect that they were no longer engaged.

She replied that she would rather leave things as they were and let the matter drop. Accused seemed enraged and attempted to hustle her into the car. She managed to break loose and went to work.

Failed To Recognise

On that same night she retired at about 11 p.m. Some time in the small hours of the morning, she was stabbed. She saw a Chinese man in light clothes bounding over her but failed to recognise him. Her mother, who slept beside her, also woke up and leaped

over her to save her from further attack. She was also injured. The man then ran to the veranda window, jumped through and got away.

Her mother, Wong Fuk, corroborated her testimony.

In a statement made in the Kowloon City Police Station on September 20, accused stated that he had no intention of murder. He only wanted to kill himself in her presence. If he had wanted to kill her, he argued, he could have done so long before the women woke up, for he admitted having entered the house at 1.30 a.m. When the old woman awoke, he stated, she snatched the knife from the bed. In the ensuing struggle, he claimed, the two women were wounded by accident.

He was committed to trial at the November Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court.

Sub-Inspector D. H. Taylor prosecuted.

Impersonates Police Officer In Kowloon

When Ho Shun, 28-year-old tailor of 51 Salyeungchui Street, first floor, was asked for his bus fare he told the conductor, Tang Man, that he was a police officer.

Tang did not believe him and asked him to produce either the special pass issued by the Kowloon Bus Co. or his identity card. As he could do neither he was again asked for his fare, but again refused.

At Public Square Street and Nathan Road junction, Ho got scared and jumped off the bus. The conductor signalled to the driver to stop the vehicle, went after the man, and arrested him. When searched at the Yau-mai Police Station, Ho was found to be without a single cent.

Charged before Mr. W. H. Lattimer at Kowloon yesterday, Ho was convicted on the counts of impersonating a police officer, evading payment of bus fare, and obliging from a bus while it was in motion, on October 17. He was fined a total of \$50, or two weeks' hard labour, on the first two charges and cautioned on the third.

Defendant pleaded that when he was asked for his fare he found, on searching his pockets, that he forgot to bring any money with him. He wanted to get off but was prevented from doing so by the conductor who insisted on having him arrested. Ho said he was not a police officer, and jumped off the vehicle.

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted.

Evading Payment

In another case before Mr. J. Wicks, Chiu Chun-wai, 31-year-old merchant of 2 Honanin Street, first floor, was fined \$25 for evading payment of bus fare.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans told the court that defendant boarded the bus at the junction of Jordan Road and Nathan Road and, when at Matlawel Road, was asked for his fare.

He tendered 10 cents and asked for a half-fare ticket, saying that he was a member of the Motor Car Drivers Automobile Association. When told that no half-fare tickets are issued to members of that Association, accused still refused to pay the full fare. He was taken to the Hung Hom Police Station.

ALLEGED INDECENT ASSAULT BY BOY

Brought before the Kowloon Juvenile Court yesterday on the charge of indecently assaulting an eight-year-old girl, a 12-year-old student of the Chiu Yin School of a Kwong Wah Street, was remanded for three days, on the application of Detective Sub-Inspector G. E. Baker.

It was alleged that the youth interfered with the girl on two occasions on October 11. He was arrested in the school on Saturday morning.

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BLUE POOL ROAD CASE CONTINUES

The Blue Pool Road consideration money case was continued at Central yesterday before Mr. Hin-shing Lo. One of the witnesses for the prosecution was called because he is due to leave for Shanghai. Complainant has not been called.

The case concerns Shen Soong-fong of 5a Broom Road (defendant) by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. Alfred Hon who is summoned for receiving a total of \$23,000 as a consideration from Ting Wen-hao at the Manufacturers Bank of China on January 2 and 14.

Complainant is represented by Mr. Percy Chan. Defendant is alleged to have received \$23,000 to give Ting (who is the owner of the flat) vacant possession of the ground floor of 32 Blue Pool Road.

Yesterday Mr. T. M. King of 8 Kai Yuen Terrace gave evidence for the prosecution.

King said that he was agent for all the floors of 32 Blue Pool Road. He let the ground floor to defendant who agreed to pay him \$200 a month rent. There were certain repairs to be done and defendant out of his own pocket paid \$2,000 towards the repairs.

Cross-examined by Mr. Clifford, witness said that the \$2,000 was not key money. Witness admitted that when complainant returned from Shanghai in 1943 he took over the house and wanted defendant to leave so that he might live there himself with his wife and family.

Mr. Clifford suggested that King should have offered to move out and let Shen take his flat which was on the first floor. King did not agree. Mr. Clifford said that defendant eventually moved out when complainant sold the house with vacant possession.

Witness said he moved into a flat which had just been completed. Mr. Clifford asked him if he had to pay key money for his new flat. Witness said he did not, though some of the other tenants had paid to the landlord.

Mr. Clifford suggested that complainant had paid the key money because he could make a large sum of money by selling the house in Blue Pool Road with vacant possession.

Mr. Clifford also suggested that witness and complainant had conspired together to pay defendant money with the intent of getting him out of the flat and then taking him to court and getting the money back again. Defendant denied conspiring with the complainant.

Mr. Chan had no re-examination.

The case was then adjourned until October 30 at 11-30 a.m.

Option Of Fines For Keepers

Two opium divan keepers and a number of opium smokers were brought before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

Given prison sentences, and smokers the option of fines. Kwun Chuen, aged 37, the keeper of 5 Lee Yuen Street East, 2nd floor, was sentenced to six months. The smokers were fined \$75 each. One of the smokers did not appear in court had his bail of \$100 estimated.

Tang Leung, aged 25, keeper at 29 Jardine's Bazaar, ground floor, was sentenced to six months. The remaining six smokers were fined \$75 each.

All items seized were ordered to be confiscated, and notices ordered to be served on the landlords of the premises to recover possession.

Inspector Moran prosecuted in all the cases.

Opium In Piece Of Cloth

A police constable who had retired on pension in March last year was brought before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of possession of 34 taels of raw opium.

Lui Yan-ling, 41, was found to have the opium wrapped in a piece of cloth and again in a piece of newspaper when he was searched outside the Sham-shuipo Ferry Pier on October 15 at about five o'clock in the afternoon.

Defendant said that he had only just picked up the parcel when he was taken into custody. He was sentenced to a fine of \$2,000, or three months' hard labour.

The magistrate recommended that his pension be not cancelled. Inspector U. H. Evans prosecuted.

SIX WEEKS PRISON FOR TAKING VALVE

Li Fong and Chu Chai were both sentenced to six weeks' hard labour at Central yesterday by Mr. Hin-shing Lo for stealing a valve (valued \$200) from the metal pipe at Tai Tam Tuk reservoir.

Inspector Brownrigg said that because defendants removed the valve, 5,000 gallons of water were wasted. He asked that a serious view should be taken. Both men were recommended for banishment.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"If my folks want me to grow up to be president, they're certainly giving me good training—jumping down my throat every time I open my mouth!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay
The Authority on Authorities

FAINT heart never won in the long run at rubber bridge. The true side in this form of bridge is the fellow who will stretch a point to get into game because the rewards for it are so great as compared to the slight loss risked in a tight spot. You seldom see a rubber bridge topnotcher wind up in a contract one trick beneath game and then score an extra trick. More often you will find him reaching out for the game where he has just the slightest chance for doing so. When it comes through for him, he has enough reward to make up for several losses by such tactics.

The heart K was ruffed, spade A and K scored diamond 10 (finesse to the J and the heart A ruffed. The club J was sent through to the singleton K and the third heart, trumped. Now the club 9 was led. South coming in with the A to keep the Q from winning. Not wishing to lead into the set-up club Q. South had no alternative but a diamond, his 6. That caused the K to be downed by the A. The diamond Q and J completed the contract for the valiant declarer, to whom both defenders and his partner doffed their chapeaux.

Who as a rule tries more deep finesses of small cards, the average player or the star?

S. 10 2
H. Q 10 7 6 3 3
D. K 9 5
C. K 6

S. K 5
H. J 8 5
D. 7 4 3 2
C. Q 8 5 3

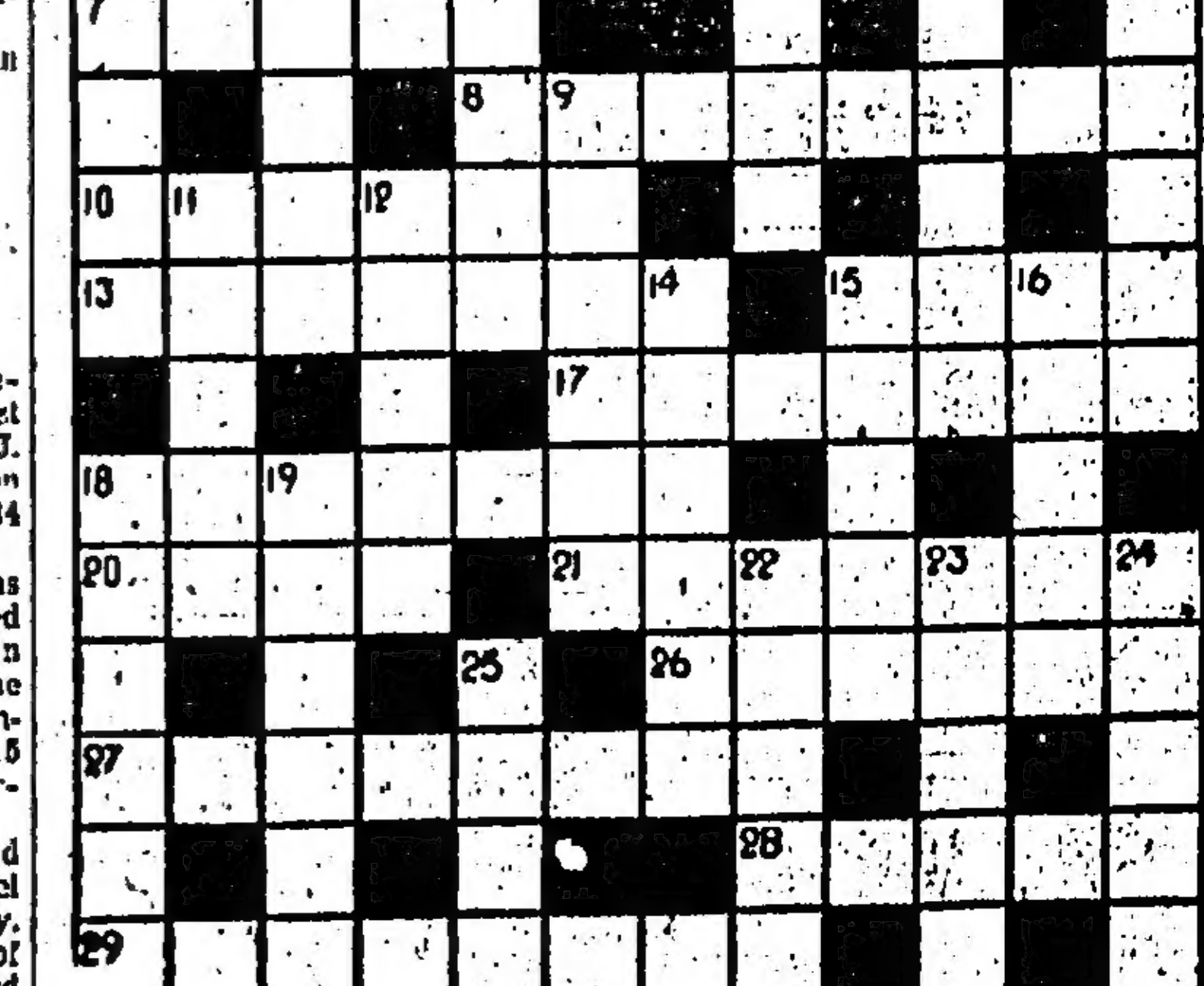
S. 6 3
H. A K 4
D. J 6
C. A 10 8 7 4 2

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable.)

East South West North
1 S 2 C Pass 2 H
4 S

That bid by East is of the kind you seldom hear from anybody but a consummate master of winning strategy at rubber bridge. That is just the kind of play that you eat in the East.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

3 Vehicle
7 Diadem
8 Relative
10 Delighted
12 Told
13 Full
17 Self-punishment

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1. Afloat, 5. Naval, 8. Elites, 9. Signal, 10. Usage, 11. Quota, 12. Mild, 13. Rises, 16. Recale, 18. Tassel, 20. Great, 22. Trim, 23. Rife, 25. Piano, 26. Either, 27. Ended, 28. Deeds, 29. Leased.

Clues Down

1 Extreme
2 Mortal
3 Officer-to-be
4 Tattler
5 Behind
6 Anger
9 Experts
11 Flat
12 Claw

14 Abandon
15 Ventured
16 Sharp
18 Negligent
19 Gossip
22 Sly looks
23 Treachery
24 Shatter
26 Leave out

Down—1. Assuming, 2. Regulate, 3. Iraq, 4. Dilute, 5. Neutral, 6. Assault, 7. Argue, 14. Searches, 15. Shimmered, 16. Nations, 17. Gentled, 19. Earned, 21. Ralse, 24. Slide.



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Greek Guerillas Get Ready For Winter War

Athens, October 17.

About 20,000 Greek rebels are now preparing winter quarters among the Northern peaks and in inaccessible lairs in the mountainous interior while in the lower Olympus area they are building strongholds and underground dumps with mined approaches.

Reports from Macedonia, Thessaly, Epirus and the Peloponnese tell of daily raids on villages for winter supplies which are carried off on mules.

The main field of activities against the guerillas in the next few months is likely to be in Thessaly where the Greek Army is thought to be preparing all-out assaults despite bad weather.

Lieutenant General Yantzia, Chief of the Greek Staff, during a visit to Larissa after a raid by rebels there said: "We hope to reap a great crop of handbills shortly in this area."

The guerilla first division is established in Thessaly and is estimated by the Greek General Staff at between 2,000 and 2,400 men, some mounted. They are commanded by a Communist journalist named Constantine Karageorghis, who was recently promoted by General Markos to the rank of Lieutenant General.

They have been active recently in the district stretching from the Southern slopes of Mount Olympus in the North East, to the Vardousia range, in the South and in one week tried three times to storm Larissa. Other urban centres such as Karolissa and Trikala have been night targets.

Satellite Aid

Markos' second division is said to be in Roumeli, a mountainous area South of Thessaly which was cleared up by the Greek Army last spring, and is believed to number about 800 men.

The third division operating in the Peloponnese is about 2,700 strong and includes teams which have been recently blown up pumping stations, aqueducts and power-houses, ambushed trains and convoys, and forcibly recruited civilians.

The Eighth Division is in Epirus and consists of about 1,200 men scattered in small groups. Most of the guerillas are in a strip of Greek territory closest to Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria who are stated to be sending them considerable support.

Over an area of 700 square kilometres some 5,000 or 6,000 rebels are operating on the Verno-Viti mountain range.

Foreign Help

Three other divisions of 7,000 men are reported to be along the frontiers from Central Macedonia to the Turkish border in Western Thrace.

Military quarters in Athens believe a new insurgent front over the Verno-Viti range could have been averted during operations against the Grammos and that its creation was suggested by foreign military advisers sent to Markos' headquarters at the small fishing village of Pyli on Minor Prespa Lake.

The rebels who escaped in the Grammos operations by retreating into Albania are reported to be re-entering Greece through the still uncovered gaps of Lake Prespa and Kristolophris.

Greek Army intelligence units state that, during the past few weeks, heavy motor traffic has been observed along the main roads of Yugoslavia and Albania leading to the frontiers and the fear of Markos' forces. They say that trucks of ammunition and supplies are reaching the guerillas from abroad to replace the stores lost when they were driven out of the Grammos and Mourgana.

Reuter.

KING GUSTAV'S ILLNESS

Stockholm, October 18. King Gustav of Sweden is still suffering from bronchial catarrh, his physician announced yesterday.

The King has been ill since last Monday, but was able to preside over the Cabinet Council on Friday.

Daily bulletins are being issued from his bedroom at Drottningholm Castle, outside Stockholm.

Associated Press.

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Murder Was Work Of Reds

Salonika, October 17.

George Polk, the Columbia Broadcasting Corporation correspondent, whose body was washed ashore here last May, was murdered by Communists, according to police investigation findings announced today by the Greek Minister of Justice, M. George Melas.

The police case was based on a confession by a journalist, Stach-topoulos, who described how Polk was murdered in a boat before his eyes. Except for one man, who brought Polk into contact with the Communists, none of the culprits has been arrested.

Polk's body, bound hand and foot, with eyes bandaged and washed ashore at Salonika on May 16, a week after he had disappeared from his Athens hotel.

The Greek Minister of Information said at the time Greece would welcome an inspection by American journalists of measures being taken to catch Polk's murderers and Constantine Rendis, the Greek Minister of Public Order, flew to Salonika personally to supervise the investigation.

Major General William J. Donovan, former head of the American Office of Strategic Services who carried out on the spot investigation into the case on behalf of the American Overseas Press Association, returned to Greece early this month and asked the Greek Government to continue investigations into the case.

Reuter.

SAFETY TEAMS TO LEAVE THE MINES

Paris, October 17.

Safety teams will be withdrawn from collieries in Northern France for 24 hours tomorrow, the 14th day of the coal strike which is involving some 200,000 miners.

The strike was called on October 4 as a challenge to the Government's right to decree a more economic management of a nationalised industry.

In a statement tonight, the French Miners' Federation, affiliated to the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour, confirmed that it would withdraw safety teams and discontinue reports that an agreement had been reached between the Union and the Government for maintaining security workers in the mines.

The miners had left the security patrols in operation when they came out and the French Government withdrew an order for the regulation of labour on the understanding that safety measures would be assured by the strikers themselves.

Last Friday, the Union decided to suspend the safety teams for 24 hours on Monday in protest against what it described as "scandalous" police court sentences on strikers in the Saar coalfields and against "police brutality of which the women of Forbach (Saar) were the victims."

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Belgian Reds Up In Arms

Brussels, October 17.

The Belgian Communist Party tonight announced that it would launch a campaign against the session trial of United States Communist leaders.

A statement announcing the decision said: "The real aim of this trial is to bring about a ban on any Communist Party, or any action or propaganda, in favour of Marxism-Leninism in the United States to start with, and thereafter, if possible, in all Western European countries."—Reuter.

Nehru Sees Vyshinsky

Paris, October 17.

The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, who had talks with the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, earlier today at the Soviet Embassy, left Le Bourget Airport for London tonight.

It was understood that Mr. Nehru is expected to have another meeting with Mr. Vyshinsky when he returns to Paris from London in a week's time.

The talks between the Indian Prime Minister and the Soviet statesman, like Pandit Nehru's other contacts, were completely private, and no official indication of details was forthcoming.

It was understood, however, that the meeting took place in an atmosphere of cordiality, and that the exchanges were confined to the general situation. Both statesmen expressed a desire for friendly relationship between the two countries.—Reuter.

CRIPPS' WARNING ON EUROPEAN RECOVERY

Paris, October 18.

Britain warned that the European Recovery Programme is threatened by the failure of the participating countries to provide material in time to prepare a long term recovery plan, an official statement disclosed in Paris yesterday.

The statement said that Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, addressing the Council of the Organisation for European Recovery, OEEC, on Saturday said few nations have submitted their long term programmes although October 1 was set as the deadline.

A summary of his remarks made to a closed session of the Council—was released by the British Embassy in Paris yesterday. Sir Stafford added, "Unless work can be begun on all the national programmes soon, the Organisation will be faced with an impossible task."

Britain, he said, was lucky in having worked out her own long term plan more than a year ago. OEEC so far has accomplished three tasks, he said: 1—The division of US aid. 2—The evolution of the international payment scheme and, 3—The drafting of rules of commercial policy.

The more difficult job of "bringing about a degree of real economic co-operation within the framework of the national long term programmes had still to be tackled," he said, and added:

"When all the programmes are received, we shall for the first time see how the prospects of the individual countries fit together and how best physical co-operation in the resources of Europe can be brought about."

The British Chancellor went on: "On the success of the operation depends a great deal of the future of the world. A strong, virile Western Europe in the economic sense is an absolutely essential factor in the world today. Unless economic co-operation is made effective, we shall not reach our goal."—Associated Press.

Sweden Reaffirms Neutrality

London, October 17.

A broadening of the Swedish Cabinet would, it was understood, shortly be carried out, Stockholm Radio said tonight.

It added "In spite of the tendencies in certain quarters to pursue a foreign policy more in line with the views and interests of the Western powers, a conviction has now been formulated that Sweden should continue a policy of complete neutrality as between the two great blocs of powers."

The programme jointly worked out by the Social Democratic Party and the trade unions, taking into account the financial help which Sweden is receiving from the United States under the Marshall Plan, will be pursued by a reconstructed Government, Stockholm Radio added.

M. Tage Erlander, the Swedish Prime Minister, recently postponed a holiday visit to France because of the possibility of a reshuffle of the Social Democrat Cabinet, and he has already had talks with King Gustav on the matter, the Radio said.

The Social Democrats, who have 30 seats, have been discussing collaboration after jointly losing eight seats in last month's elections.—Reuter.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary

12.35 p.m.—Mark Weber and His Orchestra

1.00 p.m.—Paula Green and Steve Conway

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements

1.20 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude

1.30 p.m.—From Foreign Lands

2.00 p.m.—Class Down

2.30 p.m.—Programme Summary

3.00 p.m.—Children's Story: "Huffer Aahh" by Elfrida Lewis Clarke (HICTS)

3.15 p.m.—Artie Shaw and His Orchestra

3.30 p.m.—Massenet: "Le Guit" Ballet (Studio)

3.50 p.m.—Boston Promenade Orchestra (Studio)

4.00 p.m.—Pete Valderama at the Piano (Studio)

4.20 p.m.—Orchestral Selections

4.30 p.m.—Stage and Screen Favourites presented by Allen Woods (Studio)

5.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay)

5.15 p.m.—University Programme—Medicine No. 3—"General Surgery" by Professor J.R. Leatham (HICTS)

5.25 p.m.—"March Hounding in the Marsh" (HICTS)

5.35 p.m.—A Programme of Music

5.50 p.m.—Elements of the Orchestra—A Talk by the Rev. Fr. T. P. Ryan, S.J. No. 7: "Wood Wind Section" (HICTS)

6.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay)

6.15 p.m.—Ballet—Challons in "It's a Great Life" (London Relay)

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HEAVY FIGHTING IN NEGEV

Egypt Refuses To Comply With UN Order To Cease Fire

REPORTS OF THREAT TO USE POISON GAS

Tel Aviv, October 17.

Egypt has told the United Nations that she will not order a cease fire in the Negev area of Southern Palestine—where heavy fighting is in progress on the convoy routes to Jewish settlements—until Israeli forces cease fire and return to their former positions.

Israel rejected the cease fire request last night, and told the United Nations Chief of Staff, Colonel Henri Vigier, that she must first have "full guarantees from the Chief of Staff that the passage of traffic to and from the Negev will be allowed unmolested by the Egyptians."

An Israeli spokesman said today that the aim of the Negev operations was still the opening of the road to the Jewish settlements, but that so far no convoy had broken through the Egyptian lines.

Six Egyptian Bren carriers were captured intact by Israeli forces in a morning raid on the Gvaram and Niram area, he added.

Today's Israeli communiqué said heavy fighting went on in the Negev throughout the night and this morning. Israeli troops routed Egyptian artillery positions, and Egyptian communications were disrupted in several places.

Israeli planes bombed Gaza, Elarish, Majdal and Faluja, the communiqué added. Gaza is the seat of the "Arab Palestine Government."

An Israeli military spokesman said: "Very severe fighting in Palestine today centred around a single height somewhere in the Negev area." The precise location was not disclosed.

He said the Jews occupied the height, formerly held by a company and a half of Egyptians. The Egyptians made many unsuccessful efforts to retake it.

Gas Threat

Questioned about reports that the Egyptians had threatened to use gas and "secret weapons" if the fighting continued, the spokesman said that such acts would force the Jews to retaliate, adding: "I do not envy the

"Craven Appeasement"

Boston, October 17. The Catholic Archbishop Richard Cushing, of Boston, has described as "craven appeasement" a United Nations decision to omit the name of God from a statement.

He said that the United Nations meeting in Paris "excluded" the word "God" from a statement of the bases of human dignity because of the "pressure of one single government, which officially proclaims its atheism."

He added: "There is something the matter with us, as well as the United Nations, when we appease so readily, and on a point so basic, the advantage of all we hold dear."—Reuters

TOO MUCH EMPHASIS LAID ON SEX LIFE

Washington, October 18.

An American doctor has called for a "house cleaning" in psychiatry, with less emphasis on sex.

"I disagree most heartily," declared Dr. C. Charles Burlingame, himself a psychiatrist, "with those who would interpret sex as the whole of life and expand the definition accordingly."

In a paper prepared for the District of Columbia Medical Society, Burlingame said:

"In psychiatry, more than in any other specialty, there is a demand for a house cleaning and a hard-headed differentiation between hypothesis and scientific fact."

Among other things, he attacked the "love starvation" school of thought, which propounds the theory that most, if not all, emotional troubles stem from the fact that the child's craving for love has never been satisfied.

"Propensity of this school," he said, "would have us running along dripping love all over the place until the child slips and fractures his future."

The medical group also heard a note of warning against too much exercise after the age of 40. It came from Dr. Wingate Johnson of Wake Forest College, who said:

"During the first world war, Walter Camp, Yale's most famous athlete, boasted that he kept the members of Woodrow Wilson's Cabinet in prime condition by his famous 'daily dozen' exercises."

"The only member of the Cabinet who declined to take the daily drill was Josephus Daniels, who recently died just short of his 86th birthday—having outlived all other members of the Cabinet and having been active and useful until his last brief illness."

"Walter Camp himself failed by several years to reach the Paulists limit (70)."

"Chauncey Lepow, who lacked 18 days of living to 84, was quoted as saying that he got his exercise by acting as publisher for his friends who took exercise."

"These stories are not intended to discourage exercise within reason, but it may be overdone," Johnson said.—Associated Press.

Jews Maintaining Upper Hand In Negev Battle

Tel Aviv, October 17.

Scores of Egyptian regular troops have been taken prisoner at the height in the Negev area where heavy fighting was now proceeding, an Israeli communiqué stated tonight.

Most of the fighting was of the hand-to-hand nature, with considerable use of bayonets, and most of the Egyptian casualties were hit at close range, the communiqué added.

Four six-pounder guns were captured on the height, which dominates the Israeli route to the Negev. The Egyptians counter-attacked heavily with tanks and armoured cars after the reported Jewish success, but they were driven off by ground and air forces, it was added.

Israeli forces fought their way with bayonets onto the important height and held the hill against repeated heavy Egyptian counter-attacks, supported by tanks and armoured cars.

The Israeli forces appeared to be maintaining the upper hand in the offensive launched two days ago. The Egyptians themselves have implied this in a complaint to the United Nations central Truce Commission Office at Hifa that the Jews had "occupied many new positions," an Israeli military spokesman said tonight.

Air Dog-Fight

The spokesman said the height from which the Egyptians had been pounding Jewish traffic, was defended by nearly 300 Egyptian regulars. He described the fighting there as the bitterest of the campaign, mostly at close quarters.

There has been increasing Egyptian opposition to Jewish control of the air over the battlefield today, but the spokesman said that an effective Israeli air patrol was being maintained over the entire Southern front and that numbers of dog-fights had occurred without loss to either side.

He added that there has been no move by other Arab armies to relieve the pressure on the Egyptians by throwing their fronts into activity.—Reuters.

Pontiff's "Highest Purpose"

Vatican City, October 17.

The return to Catholicism of non-Catholic Christians "is one of the highest purposes" of Pope Pius, the Observatore Romano said today.

In this modern world, the return of non-Catholic Christians to Catholicism would enable the Catholic Church to offer a more splendid example and be an easier, asylum of concord and peace," it was said in a letter by the Vatican Under-Secretary of State, Monsignor Giovanni Battista Montini.

The letter said: "This desire corresponds with the constant desire of the Holy Father and is one of the highest aims of his Apostolic action, because he is persuaded that such a most augured return to the fold of the church of so many brothers who are divided would mark for the world the dawn of an era in which the church of Christ could offer asylum."—United Press.

PLOT TO MURDER EL CAUDILLO

Madrid, October 17.

The Spanish police are investigating a plot in the province of Salamanca, alleged to have been fostered by Communist terrorists, against the life of General Francisco Franco.

The plot would have been carried out during General Franco's return from a visit to Portugal, originally planned for this month but postponed, police said.

A mine was to have been laid and exploded under a bridge over which the Caudillo's car would have passed, it was alleged.

General Franco, who has been visiting the Tarifa area (the most Southern point of Spain, on the straits of Gibraltar) in his yacht, Azor, is expected to continue his cruise for at least another three days.

Usually reliable sources in Tarifa said his visit there was connected with the wailing and sword-dancing and air inspection of speed launches based on the port.

General Franco had earlier carried out a tour of important towns in South Western Spain, including Seville, Cadiz and Jerez.—Reuters.

PALESTINE REDS TO COMBINE

Haifa, October 17.

The fusion of the Jewish and Arab Communist parties is to be formally carried out in Haifa next Friday, it was learned here today.

The aim of the United Party was defined as "to fight for a National State of Palestine."—Reuters.

JEW TO BE SOLD UP THE RIVER?

Paris, October 17.

The United Nations was criticised today by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Junior, former Secretary of the United States Treasury and General Chairman of the "United Jewish Appeal," for its delay in taking a decision on Palestine.

A strong Palestine State, he said, would be a bulwark against Communism in the Middle East.

Mr. Morgenthau made the statement after a talk with Mr. Warren Austin, the American representative to the United Nations General Assembly. He said: "The United Nations is running a great risk of becoming an international debating society like the Disarmament Conference back in the thirties."

"The delay in giving recognition to the State of Israel is costly in human lives, in gift dollars and to the young Government of Israel."

"I pray and hope that the United Nations will promptly take action. The Bernadotte reports should be the minimum basis for a settlement."

Asked about the chances he thought there was of "action" by the United Nations, Mr. Morgenthau said: "Frankly I am very depressed about the United Nations' attitude and very discouraged. I am afraid Palestine may be sold up the river."

The prospects of the United States granting a loan to the State of Israel were described by Mr. Morgenthau as "practically nil." He will leave for Palestine by air tomorrow after seeing the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Shertok, and the French Socialist leader, M. Leon Blum.

On his way, Mr. Morgenthau plans to visit Cyprus, where some 12,000 Jewish refugees are still held.

"Many Palestinians I have met in America," Mr. Morgenthau said, "are confident that once Israel becomes a State with United Nations recognition and support, it will become the hard core of resistance against the spread of Communism in the Middle East. Once it can go ahead, I know they are ready to share the electricity and water power that is to be developed 50-60 with the Arabs, and work to raise the whole standard of living in the Middle East."

"Only thus can they keep the spirit of Communism out of such

French Protest

The French Consul-General in Jerusalem, M. Rene Neuvillie, protested last night to his Government over the "brutal shelling" by Arabs of the Dormition Abbey, on Mount Zion, south of the Old City.

This was M. Neuvillie's second protest to Paris yesterday.

Earlier he had cabled the Security Council about alleged Arab sniping from the Old City walls at United Nations personnel.

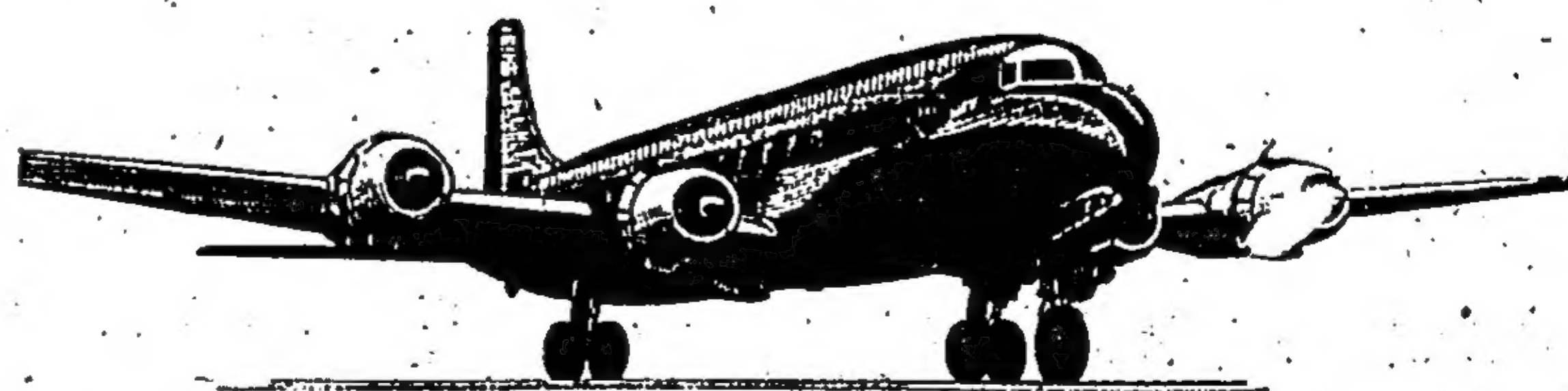
Despite the intermittent shelling and sniping, a 16-day Jewish road-building and repairing scheme is in full swing in Jerusalem. For six hours a day, offices, shops, factories and workshops close down just before noon, and buses and lorries take their workers to the job.

"It's not tough," a white-collar worker told Reuters. "We

are all inexperienced, but are having good fun."

The men are paid full trade union wages at skilled labour rates. Except for a few soldiers on leave, Jerusalem is a very feminine city during the afternoon while the scheme is on.

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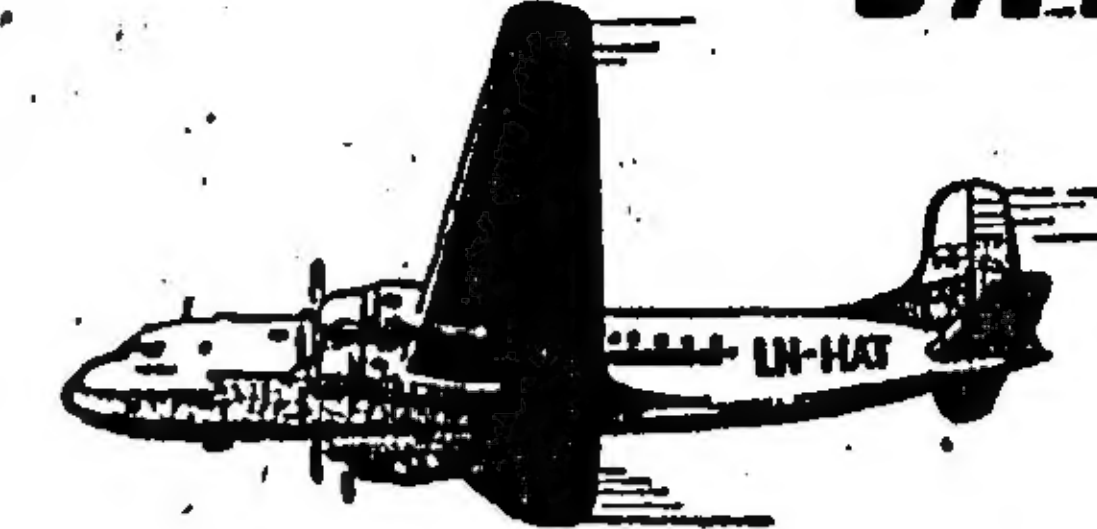


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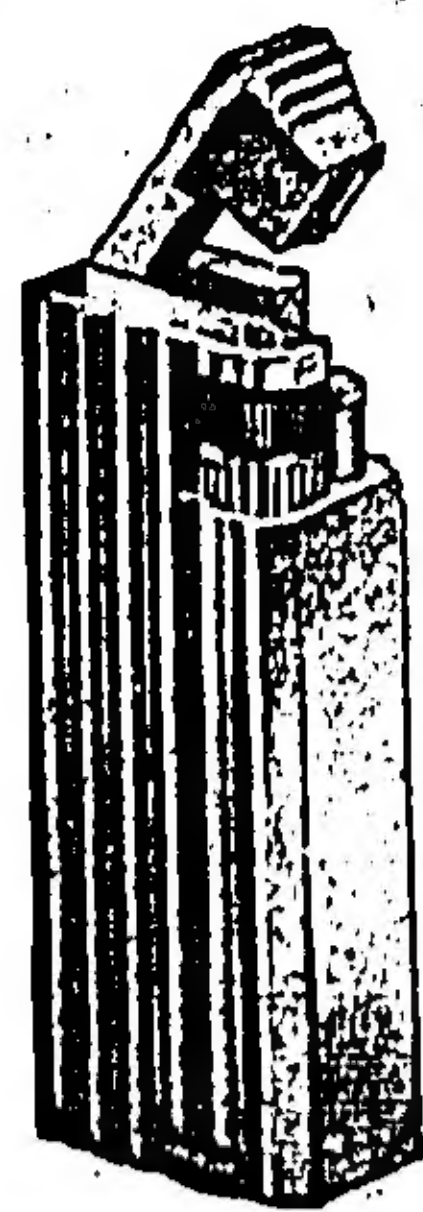
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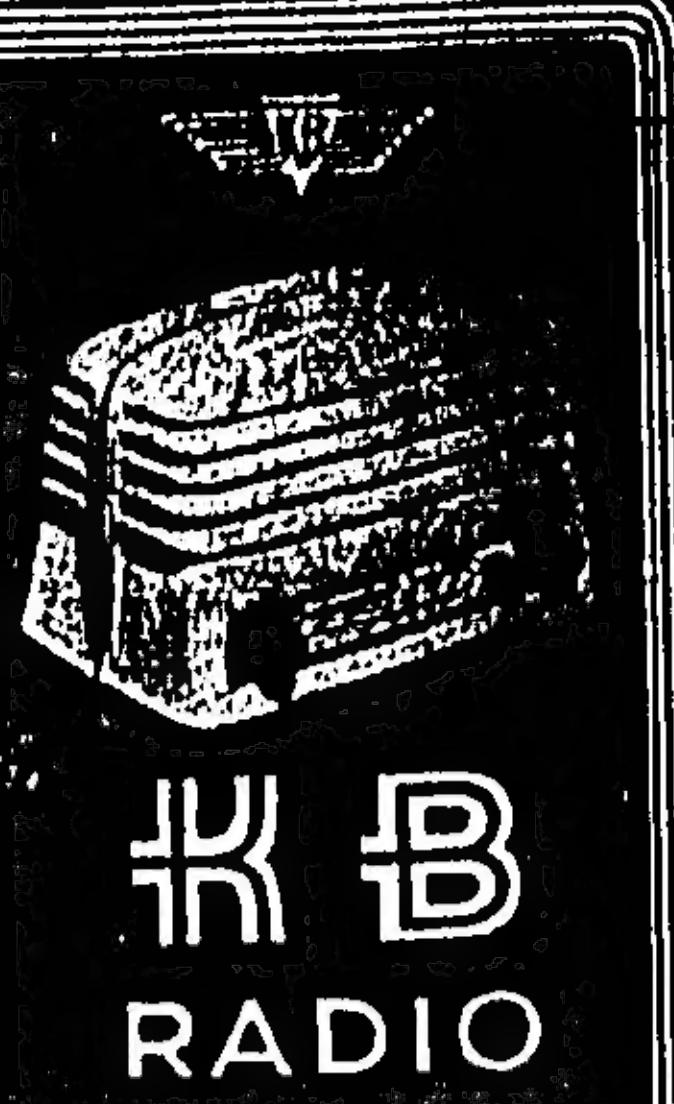
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American Plant To Open On Mersey

London, October 17.

The first guaranteed investment project under the European Recovery Programme, involving the construction of a carbon plant on the Mersey river, was announced today by Mr. Thomas Finletter, Minister-in-charge of the Economic Co-operation Administration Mission to Britain.

Guards In Action In Malaya

Singapore, October 17.

Men of the Guards Regiment were in action in Malaya for the first time this week-end.

Together with police and members of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, a detachment of the Coldstream Guards raided a terrorist hide-out near Bidor, south Perak.

They were seeking the terrorists who killed four British soldiers of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry while swimming in this area earlier this month.

The combined force shot dead one Chinese terrorist who ran from a building, and wounded four others who escaped into the jungle.

The building, which proved to be a workshop used for the repair of small arms, was equipped with vices and lathes.

Four Chinese terrorists were killed in Malaya today and another Malay constable and two Chinese civilians murdered.—Reuter.

ARMS FOR THE WORKERS' SONS

Budapest, October 17.

Dr. Mihail Farras, Hungarian Defence Minister, addressing a meeting of the Hungarian Shooting Club, spoke of plans to "teach the sons of workers and peasants the art of shooting to prevent any surprises from the imperialist adventures."

Dr. Farras, who is an outstanding Communist leader, said that Hungary did not want war, and added: "But it seems as though the imperialists cannot stand the atmosphere of peace. Only nervous or stupid people are frightened by war threats today. The imperialists can buy poisoners, but they cannot buy the British, French or Italian working class."—Reuter.

In Two Years

"The new plant will, therefore, reduce Britain's dependence upon the United States for this product by about 20 per cent."

"Plans for the construction and building can begin shortly. It is scheduled to be in full operation within two years."

The statement explained that under the Foreign Assistance Act, of 1948, the ECA is authorized to guarantee the conversion into dollars of a portion of the profits earned by new American dollar investments in the countries participating in the ERP.

It was stated that American capital investment in the carbon black project will not exceed \$850,000.—Reuter.

ENTIRE VILLAGE WIPED OUT

Prague, October 17.

A fire which broke out in a farm today burned down the entire village of Lucky, Slovakia, killing all the cattle and other animals.

Twenty-three fire brigades fought the blaze without being able to localise it.—Reuter.

Best Remedy For Chiang

New York, October 16.
A Times editorial, referring to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's recent Nanking speech, said: "The Generalissimo's words clearly imply, his Government has so little popular support in areas of China it controls that people fall into the error of believing Communist falsehoods."

"The best remedy for this, obviously enough, is to conduct Government in such a fashion that popular support will be obtained and the Reds will have less fertile fields in which to plant their propaganda."—Associated Press.

Bishop Wilson's New Post

London, October 17.

It was officially announced today that the Right Reverend John Wilson, Bishop of Singapore, has been appointed Dean of Manchester Cathedral.

During the war, the Bishop was tortured by the Japanese and was due to his medieval nature and comment that the Germans had no such excuse. The Rt. Rev. Wilson will succeed the Very Reverend Frank Garfield Hodder Williams, who resigns on November 21.

The Rt. Rev. Wilson, who was formerly Dean of St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, came to London during the summer for the Lambeth Conference of Anglican Church leaders.

The resignation of the Bishop of Exeter, the Rt. Rev. Charles Edward Curzon, was also announced today.—Reuter.

UN RESOLUTION MAY CONDEMN RED POLICY

Neutral Powers' Attitude Said To Be Hardening

London, October 17.

While the Western powers' experts spent the week-end preparing replies to the Security Council's two questions on the Berlin dispute, observers regarded it as almost certain that the Council will, without further delay, pass a resolution condemning the Soviet blockade.

Opinion in favour of such action hardened among the six "neutral" members of the Council during the week-end, it is understood.

The abrupt refusal of the Soviet delegate, Mr. Vyshinsky, to co-operate by answering the questions posed by Dr. Juan Bramuglia, Argentine acting chairman, and his suggestion that they were a "trap," have done much to swing opinion in favour of the Western powers, these observers felt.

It is now believed that only Argentina and Syria may abstain from the final vote in the Council.

It has not yet been decided whether Britain, the United States and France will make a joint reply, or put in separate documents when the Council meets again on Tuesday.

Dr. Bramuglia asked the four powers to:

1. Explain how the travel restrictions in Berlin and between the Eastern and Western Zones of Germany arose.
2. Explain circumstances involved in the instructions given to the Military Governors in Berlin and the reasons that prevent implementation of the agreement.

China and the west's Big Three were reported to be interested in a new effort by China and five other neutral countries to settle the Berlin crisis.

An informed source said the six neutrals on the United Nations Security Council sought these simultaneous moves:

1—Russia to lift the Berlin blockade.

2—Currency control under a four power arrangement to take effect in Berlin with Russian currency used in the four zones.

3—The four power council of foreign ministers to meet or be called later to meet.

Neither side showed much interest in a similar plan earlier but their interest now is reported to be increasing.

Not Certain

The source said the United States, Russia, Britain and France are following closely the private efforts of the neutrals—China, Argentina, Colombia, Belgium, Canada and Syria.

There was no firm indication that a resolution would be presented to the Council on Tuesday. The neutrals were said to want all available information before acting.

UN Assembly activity on Monday centres on a political committee debate over a resolution on international atomic control.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Drive For Empire Security

London, October 17.

The Australian Foreign Minister (Dr Herbert Evatt) and the New Zealand Prime Minister (Mr Peter Fraser) are leading a drive in the Commonwealth conference here to bind the Dominions together for mutual security.

Dr. Evatt and Mr. Fraser are credited with the desire to encourage a new concept of "imperial brotherhood" different from the old imperialism, with independent nations in the British group combining for their own good.

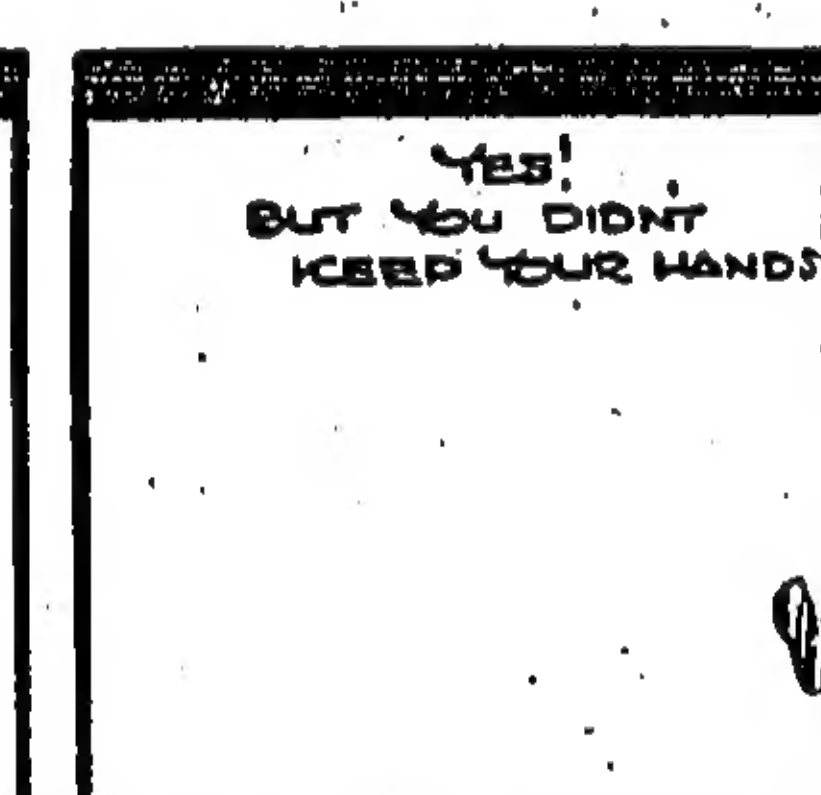
The two Ministers at present are trying to sell the idea of a "stronger Commonwealth" to Mr. L. S. St. Laurent, Canada's State Secretary for External Affairs.

The biggest problem confronting Dr. Evatt, Mr. Fraser, Mr. St. Laurent and others here is the Indian enigma which will call for skill in seeking a compromise that will allow Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to satisfy his supporter and still maintain a strong link with the Crown.—United Press.

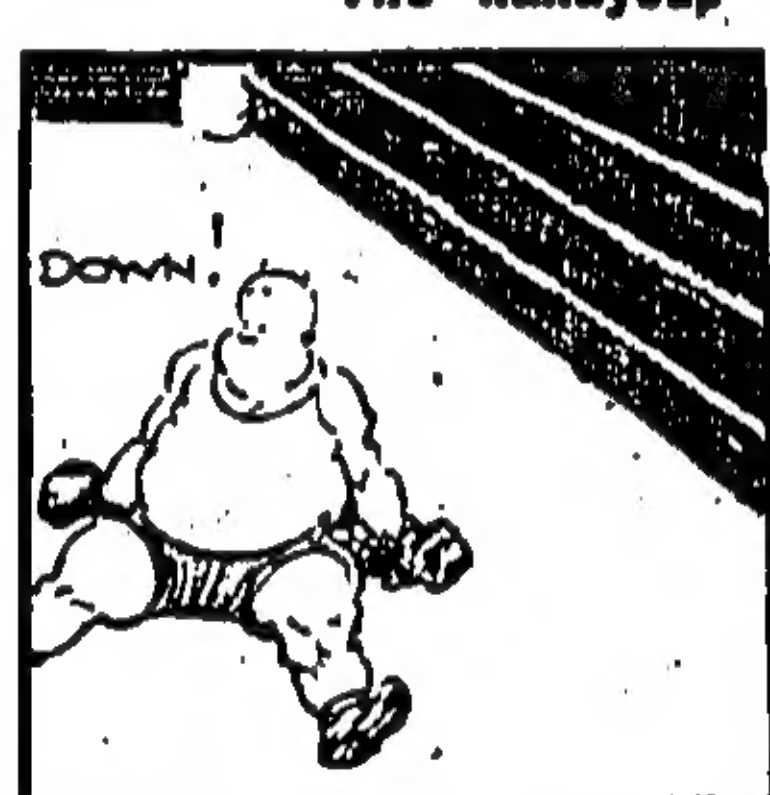
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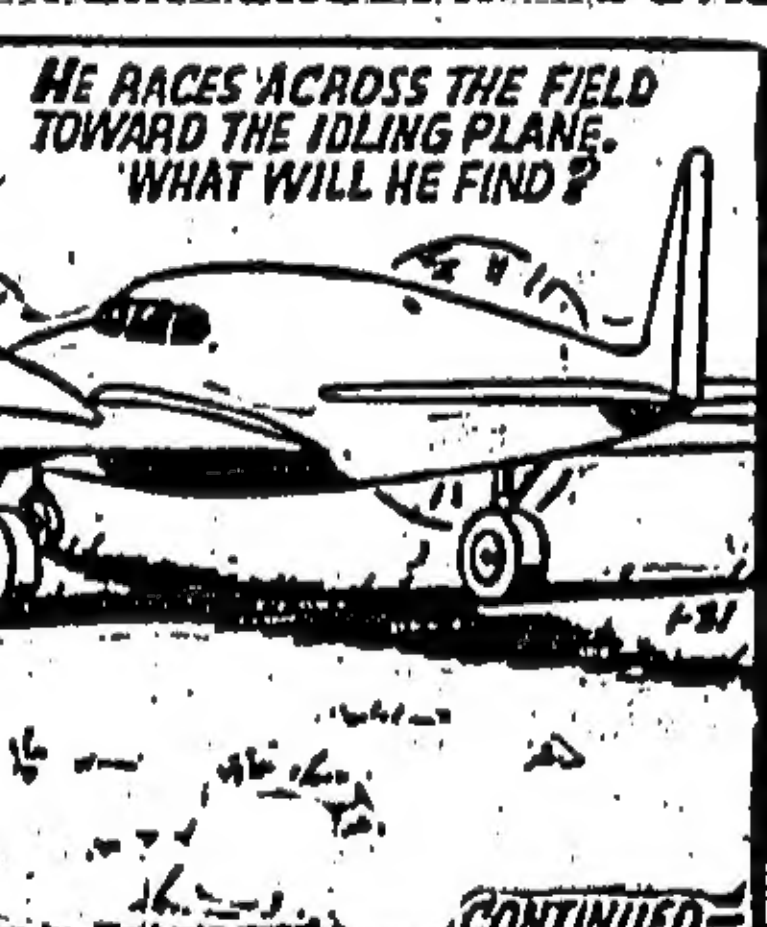


WINSTON TO GET HON. DEGREE

London, October 17.
A galaxy will assemble in the Senate House of London University on November 18 to receive honorary degrees at the Foundation Day celebrations. Mr. George Marshall, Mr. Winston Churchill, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher (Archbishop of Canterbury), Dr. Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin, and Mr. Walter de La Mare, noted poet, will be amongst those honoured.
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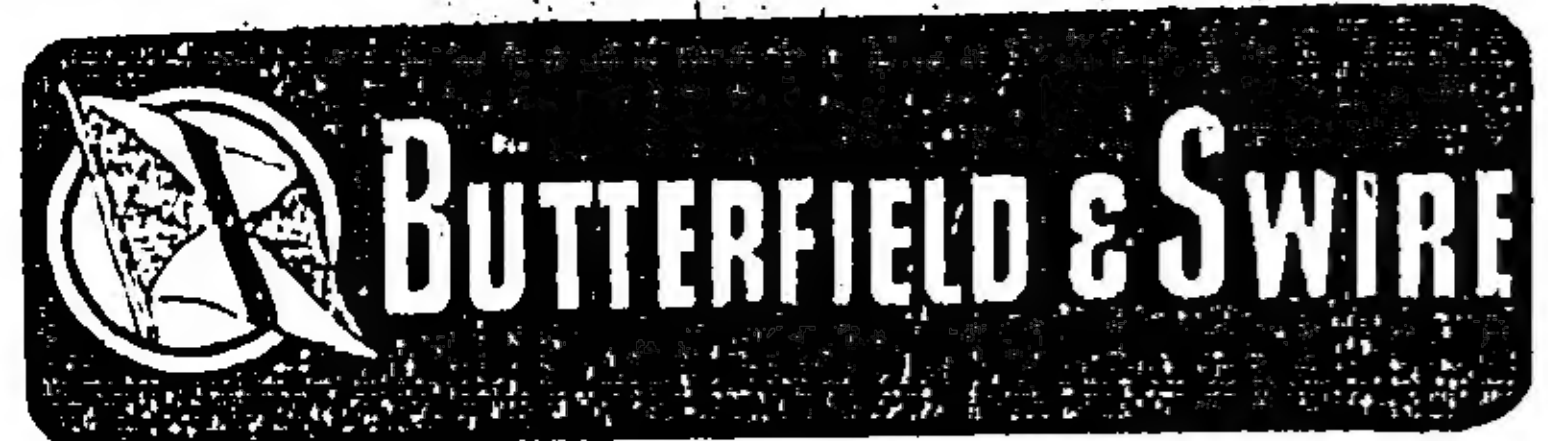
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DAIKEN (Liner), ex-Swallow	11.15 p.m.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

CLYTONES (Liner), British	11.15 p.m.
CHONGKING (Liner), British	11.15 p.m.
HAI YANG (Liner), British	11.15 p.m.
KUT SANG (Liner), British	11.15 p.m.
SANJIA (Liner), British	11.15 p.m.
TAI SHAN (Liner), British	11.15 p.m.

TODAY

AIROS (Liner), ex-Australia	11.15 p.m.
DAIKEN (Liner), ex-Swallow	11.15 p.m.

TOMORROW

AIROS (Liner), ex-Australia	11.15 p.m.
DAIKEN (Liner), ex-Swallow	11.15 p.m.

Vessels In Port

ANAKAN (G.M.S.), British	11.15 p.m.
BENBUCHANAN (Liner), British	11.15 p.m.
BENGAL (G.M.S.), British	11.15 p.m.
CHONGKING (Liner), British	11.15 p.m.
HAI YANG (Liner), British	11.15 p.m.
KUT SANG (Liner), British	11.15 p.m.
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